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EARTH TREMORS ROCK LUZON

Widespread damage to buildings in Manila NO CASUALTIES

Manila, December 29.

Luzon Island swayed sickeningly throughout its 500-mile length for two and one-half minutes today, and almost every able bodied person fled into the streets and fields seeking safety, as three sharp earth shocks rocked the Philippine island. Seismographs registered a maximum intensity of five in Manila and six at Cabanatuan, 60 miles to the North.

No reports of casualties had been received seven hours after the tremors began at 11.05 a.m.

Rail traffic to Canton

Chinese reports yesterday hinted that the Communist authorities in Canton are preparing to permit the resumption of through railway service between Kowloon and Canton which is now broken at the British border. Mr. I. B. Trevor, manager of the British section of the railway, told the "China Mail" yesterday that he knew nothing about the reports. As far as he was aware, negotiations were proceeding but no new developments had occurred. Through service between Kowloon and Canton was suspended on October 14 after Canton fell to the Communists. The British authorities have been trying ever since to reopen the service, but were balked by the Communists who, according to some reports, preferred to link the quest for through traffic with the Peking regime.

Hungary nationalises foreign firms

Budapest, December 29. The nationalisation of all Hungarian enterprises employing more than 10 people, including all major foreign-owned concerns, was announced in a government decree published here today.

Compensation is promised to all owners, whether foreign or Hungarian. The decree lists among other foreign properties nationalised such firms as the Standard Electric Company, the Hungarian Telephone Company Vacuum Oil, Shell, Phillips Radio, Brown-Boveri (a branch of the Swiss Engineering firm with headquarters at Baden, near Zurich), the British-Hungarian Jute Industry and several textile factories.

A new drastic nationalisation order was first announced without publicity yesterday to trade union leaders and worker managers of factories by the country's economic chief, Mr. Erno Gero. Mr. Gero and the official decree which followed his announcement both stated that the government had no intention of nationalising small traders or the small handicraft industries. The decree guarantees compensation to all owners who must report their full assets and claims within 90 days.—Reuter.

Weather

At 6.00 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) an anticyclone centre over Korea covers N. China, Japan and the neighbouring seas. Pressure remains low over the Western Carolines.

Today's Forecast: Moderate or fresh S winds. Cloudy with bright intervals during the day. Mild.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 72.0 deg. Fah. Minimum 61.0 deg. Fah. Sunshine 5.5 hours.

Half-hourly Total since Jan. 1—2091.0 mm.—22.0 (64.4) as against an average of 1824.4 mm.—14.6 (40.4) for the same period.

Baro. at 6 a.m.: 1013.1 (1013.1) m.b. Equals 30.04 (30.04) inches.

Rel. Humidity 76 (76) % at 6 a.m. Wind Direction 270 S. E by S. Wind Force 16 (16) kts. Tide—High 11.00 (11.00) Low 1.00 (1.00)

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Commotion at factory office



Striking workers of the Hong Kong Match factory, who demonstrated at the Company's town office yesterday, are here shown lined up in the corridor after being ejected from the office. ("China Mail" Photo).

Striking workers demonstrate in Central area

A five-week-old sit-down strike by workers of the Hong Kong Match Factory erupted into a minor riot yesterday when more than 60 labourers, mostly women, demonstrated at the factory's town office in the Bank of East Asia Building.

After requests to leave the building had failed, a large number of persons were arrested and taken to Central by the police. They will appear in court today.

Police assistance was sought by Mr. B. P. Poon, Secretary of the Hong Kong Match Factory, after earlier attempts to eject the workers from his office failed.

A police posse under Superintendent E. Tyrer arrived on the premises at 4.30 p.m. and, after 10 minutes of futile coaxing, ushered the crowd out of the office into the corridor where the men and women gave vent to jeers and complaints.

After the labourers had been ejected from the room, some 20 policemen filed along the third floor corridor of the Bank of East Asia Building, keeping the loudly protesting crowd concentrated in one spot.

Among those watching the demonstrations were many laden with thermos flasks and food. When the labourers were being hauled into the police van, some of these supporters rushed up to them offering what they had brought along. Some also were seen jumping into the van presumably to be with an arrested relative. But most of the food carriers scurried away from the vans as soon as the police came down with the arrested.

Minor injuries

Some minor injuries were suffered by both Police and strikers during the process of ejection when the workers stubbornly refused to heed the Superintendent's plea for order. Mr. Tyrer himself suffered cuts on both hands and wrists when the swinging glass door of the office was broken as the workers were being ejected.

Outside the office Superintendent Tyrer, through interpreters, sought in vain to pacify the labourers. He then gave them time to leave the building, failing which he warned them, they would be arrested.

The period of grace was ignored by the strikers. Mr. Tyrer's ultimatum was extended from five minutes, and then eventually to ten hours. After that time, a final attempt was made by the police to coax the workers to leave. This failed and Mr. Tyrer ordered his men to arrest them. The labourers still persisted and stood their ground. They refused to go and had to be taken into the lifts by police constables. During the descent they struggled all the way. It was 5.30 p.m. before the buildings was cleared.

Mr. Poon, the Hong Kong Match Factory's secretary, said that the strike started five weeks ago when the workers demanded a 50 per cent increase in wages. The company, Mr. Poon said, offered 10 per cent, but this was refused by the workers.

Early yesterday afternoon, the workers assembled at the Bank of East Asia Building and demanded an answer.

Mr. Poon said he told them that the General Manager was away in Siam and that he would relay their demands to him and await action.

This apparently failed to satisfy the strikers who insisted on remaining in the office premises. They asked to be supplied with food and apparently intended to "squint" there. When Mr. Poon

first week of January.—Reuter.

increase wanted

At a meeting of the men last night at the Talkoo Workers Club, the men insisted on seeing their employer in person today and to continue their go-slow tactics until satisfaction is obtained from him.

The men had complained to their employer about 10 days ago that they wanted payment of cost of living allowance, and rehabilitation allowance, and pay scale and conditions of service to be the same as that accorded to Talkoo workers.

Their demand, being ignored, and failing to see their contractor, employer in person on Wednesday, they decided on their go-slow strike as from yesterday afternoon.

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Meanwhile, second day of the tram look-out passed off yesterday without incident, as the Tramway Company again kept their vehicles on the streets pending a settlement of the dispute with their workers.

The offer of the workers to run the trams on normal service if the management re-opens negotiations with them over their demand, was evidently ignored by the Company.

The offer was made through the Commissioner of Labour on Wednesday, and was passed on to the management.

Efforts made to contact the Tramway management, on what might be a resumption of the tram service, were unsuccessful.

Other labour unions who have had, like the tramway men, their demand for a special cost of living allowance rejected, held meetings and promised both moral and material support for the locked-out tramway men, but beyond deciding to press their employers for reconsideration of their demand nothing more drastic has as yet been decided upon by any of them.

Meantime, workers of the China Bus Company went a step further towards open rupture with the Company, when they told the management yesterday that they have set tomorrow, 5 p.m., as the date for a definite reply to their demand.

Falling a satisfactory reply, they said, the workers would decide on their next course of action to enforce their demand.

Running as usual
The buses ran as usual yesterday, though there were noticeable signs that the workers had started go-slow tactics. The buses were less crowded, and there was no hurry on the part of the drivers to complete their schedules on time.

The men had decided, at their meeting on Wednesday night, not to work more than one shift, and

Red China coal to go to Japan

Tokyo, December 29. A British trading firm has contracted to deliver 70,000 tons of coal to Japan from Communist-controlled territory in North China.

The manager of the firm of Dodwell and Company, Mr. James Ewing, said that the coal would be brought to the Japanese port of Kobe from the Kailan mines, North of the Chinese Communist city of Tientsin.

A contract had been made with the Japanese Government. The Kailan Mines, which are 50 per cent British owned and 50 per cent Chinese, before the war supplied Japan upwards of 3,000,000 tons of coking coal yearly—the bulk of her steel manufacture requirements.

Since the surrender, Japan has been getting most of her coking coal from America and India. British ships in the past few months have been taking Kailan coal cargoes to Hong Kong.

Mr. Ewing said that the company would charter enough ships to have the coal delivered within three to four months. He said the company did not expect to break the Chinese Nationalist blockade of the China coast. The Chinese Nationalist blockade action is believed to be almost non-existent as far North as Chinwangtao, the port from which Kailan coal is shipped.

The Japanese financial newspaper "Nihon Keizai" today stated that 10 ships in the 6,000 ton class would be chartered.—Reuter.

No signs of missing Spitfire Pilot

Yesterday's dawn to dusk air and sea search for the missing RAF Spitfire pilot ended without any signs of the pilot or the crashed plane, it was officially stated last night.

A number of RAF Spitfires, Sunderlands, Harvards, and two Royal Navy destroyers took part in the second day's search. Police launches are maintaining all-night vigil in the M'is Bay area. The search will continue today.

The pilot whose identity was still withheld yesterday, baled out from the plane when its engine failed over M'is Bay at about 11 a.m. on Wednesday.

HK MILITARY POSITION STRONG

Singapore, December 29. The military position in Hong Kong is very strong, the morale of the people is high and law and order is very good, according to Mr. J. E. Nicoll, Hong Kong's Colonial Secretary, who is on his way to England on leave.

Mr. Nicoll and his 16-year-old son Tony arrived in Singapore on December 27 and have been guests at the Government House since their arrival on the steamer Canton today.

On the question of refugees in Hong Kong, Mr. Nicoll said: "While it is our traditional policy to allow every citizen the right to leave the country, we must enforce certain restrictions to keep law and order."

Refugees

On the other hand, it is possible that the Nationalists have destroyed innocent fishing boats which have ignored the official warning that waters within 15 miles of the island are military areas in which no craft is allowed except by special permission from the Hainan defence authorities.

Other reports said that Communist guerrilla activity on the island has increased recently and that Nationalist forces have had a number of skirmishes with them.

Govt asked to mediate in Tramways dispute

Mr. Cheng Ching-nan, Chairman of the Federation of Trade Unions, yesterday approached the Commissioner of Labour, requesting the Government to mediate in the tramways dispute which is today entering its third day.

Mr. Cheng was told that the Labour Federation, like the Employers Federation, was only an advisory body, and the Commissioner could only deal through it, but only with the parties concerned in the dispute.

Both, however, had a general discussion on the situation. Mr. Cheng said the root cause of the current labour unrest is the increased cost of living. He said he thought Government should do everything possible to bring about a resumption of talks between the disputants, as neither a lock-out nor a strike would help matters.

Failure to settle by negotiation would only tend to aggravate disputes in general and this should be avoided, urged Mr. Cheng.

The Commissioner assured him that as far as his Department was concerned it had always done its best to bring the parties in any dispute together with a view to coming to an amicable settlement, but this could only be done by mutual consent of both parties.

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Check of buildings

The Philippines Blitting also had a two-inch crack about 40 feet long in another side. Other buildings with smaller cracks showing were being checked for fear of hidden damage.

The swaying motion started

slowly. By within 30 seconds standing without support became difficult in the fourth-floor office of the Associated Press in the Manila Times building. Lights fixtures rocked back and forth, and a steel filing cabinet danced around the floor.

Outside, poles carrying telephone and power lines whipped around. The motion slowed down then increased sharply, bending ladders into the streets.

There were stories of several women trapped in taller buildings and fainting, but no injuries were reported.

"Traffic in the narrow streets was jammed instantly. Many abandoned their vehicles and sought safety away from the swaying walls of large buildings. The power was off for a brief period.

Reports from San Fernando, Pampanga Province, described the quake as the hardest ever felt there. In many cities thousands knelt in prayer in the planes and even in the open fields, where country folk sought refuge.

Almost every large city reported buildings slightly damaged. After checking extensively, the Red Cross officially announced that casualties were lacking.

After a study of the records and reports, Alcaraz placed the epicentre in the Itogay region of a mountain province about 150 miles North East of Manila where molten lava geysers spouted from cracks in the earth.

Alcaraz reported 15 after-shocks registered. One, at 6.22 p.m., was sufficiently strong to sway the light fixtures in the Associated Press office. Alcaraz said that Guan also reported a light quake.—Associated Press.

Reports of damage to buildings were widespread. In Manila, at least five large downtown structures had gaping cracks in their walls. Chunks of stucco came crumbling down. Three fires started by short circuits in electric lines were quickly extinguished.

The Government seismologist, Mr. Arturo Alcaraz, estimated the epicentre, deep within the earth, to be within a 100-mile radius of Manila. He refused to guess at the location pending a further check.

Alcaraz listed an intensity five shock at Laoag, in North Luzon, and four at Duet, in the extreme South.

Many remained fearful later in the day as the Observatory warned people in damaged buildings to watch for after-shocks which, while usually of a less serious nature, might cause the collapse of some of the weakened structures.

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Unofficial strike in London

London, December 29. Dock workers joined an unofficial strike of 30 clerks in London's King George V docks today. By midday, more than 500 men were not at work.

Four food ships awaiting unloading from New Zealand and Australia, were without labour. They had cargoes of meat, butter, eggs and other foodstuffs and general cargo, including wool.

The 30 clerks, checking one cargo, struck work because one of them did not belong to a recognised docks union. Another 70 working on the other ships joined them later and about 325 dock labourers, not concerned in the dispute, stopped work, being unable to carry on without the clerks.—Reuter.

RECOGNITION BY INDIA TODAY?

London, December 29. India will recognise the Chinese Communist Government tomorrow, it was learned here on good authority today.

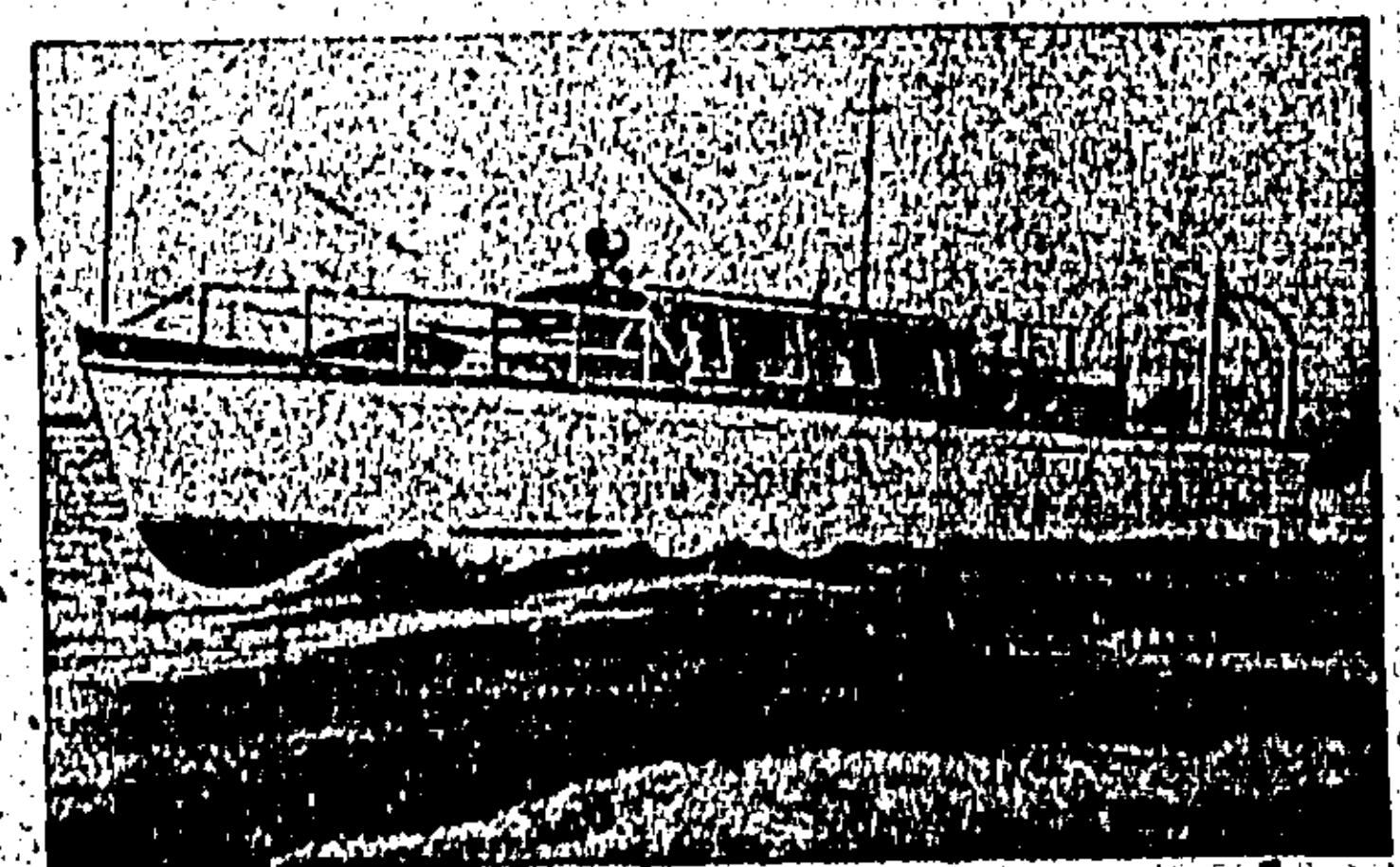
The decision of the Government of India was communicated to the British Government.

India will thus be the first member of the British Commonwealth to enter into diplomatic relations with the Chinese Communist Government.

According to a usually reliable source, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who was given discretion by the Cabinet to select the date for British recognition, has now definitely decided to extend full de jure recognition to the Chinese Communists in the

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General.

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J. C. McDONNELL,
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OF COMMERCE &
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K. KEEN,
Director,
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December 28, 1949

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

LET THE TINY ONE WIN

THERE is a certain amount of
pleasure in winning a trick with
a very low card, and some pain
in seeing an opponent do it. But
there are times when you can't
achieve your objective except by
allowing the other side to do that
very thing. Such matters as
timing of the play, entries, block-
ing and unblocking and chances
to finesse in a suit or establish a
long card are much more impor-
tant to the result. When they
cannot be satisfactorily achieved
except by allowing some lesser
card to score, go ahead and let
it win.

S Q 10 4
H A 9 6 4
D Q 5 3
C 5 3 2
S J 8 7 5
H K Q J 3
D 10 9 8
C K 9
S A 9
H 10 5 2
D A J 7
C A Q 10 6 4
South, Neither side
vulnerable.

South West North East
1 C Pass 1 H Pass
2 NT Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT

South made his venturesome
game plus an extra trick by the
grace of some help from East.
He thereupon pointed out how
"he extra trick could have been
prevented—which would have
been vitally important in a du-
plicate game, though worth only
30 points in rubber bridge.
Despite North's heart bid, West
led the K of that suit, which was
won by the A because South saw
that the Q would be an extra
stopper. He finessed the club 10,
the K winning for West, who

Tomorrow's Problem

S K 5
H A K 6
D 8 6 4 2
C Q 7 5
S Q 10
H J 10 9 2
D J 7
C A K J 8 6
S A J 4 3 2
H 8 7 5
D A Q 10
C 3 2
South, East, Neither side
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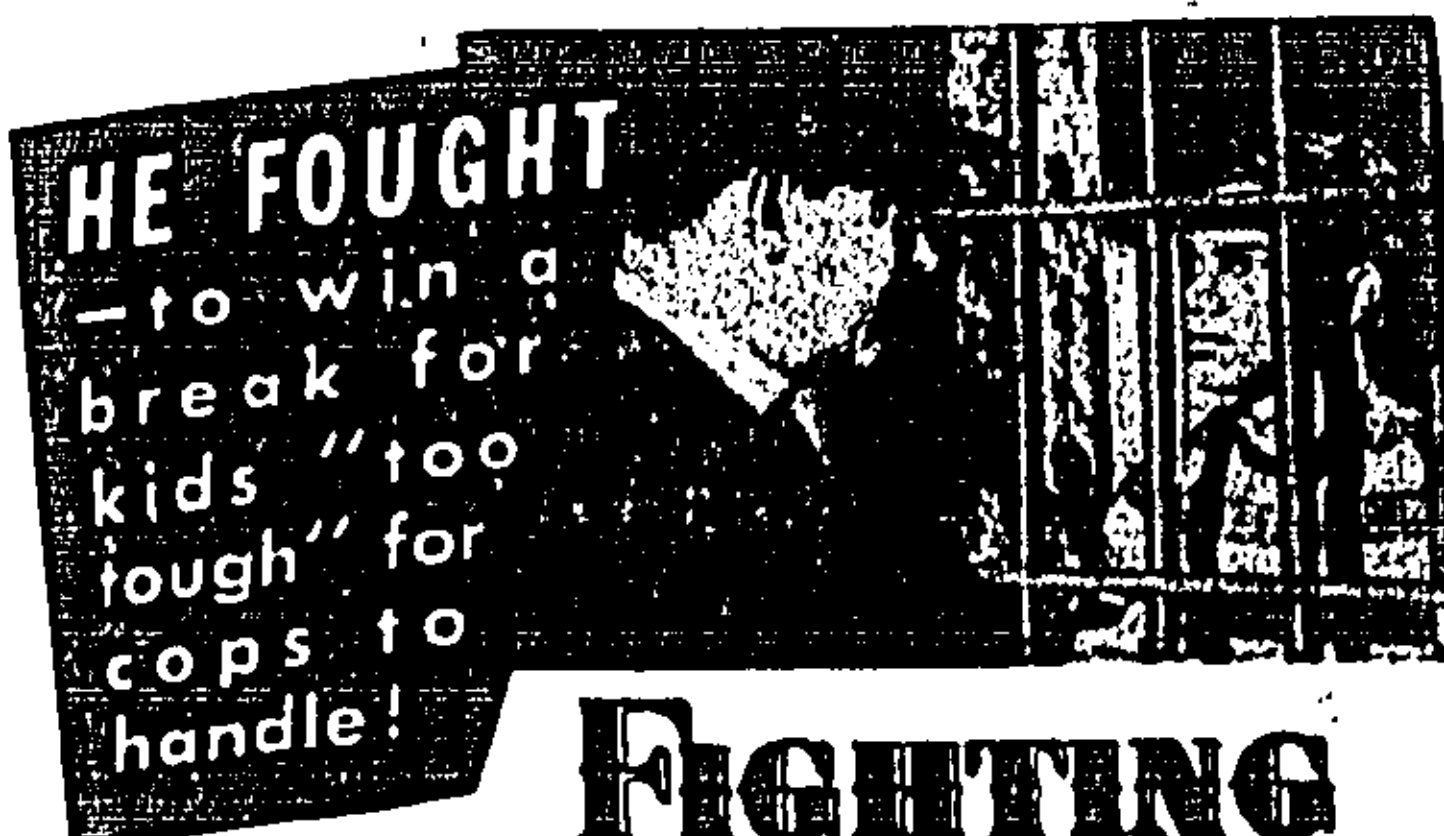


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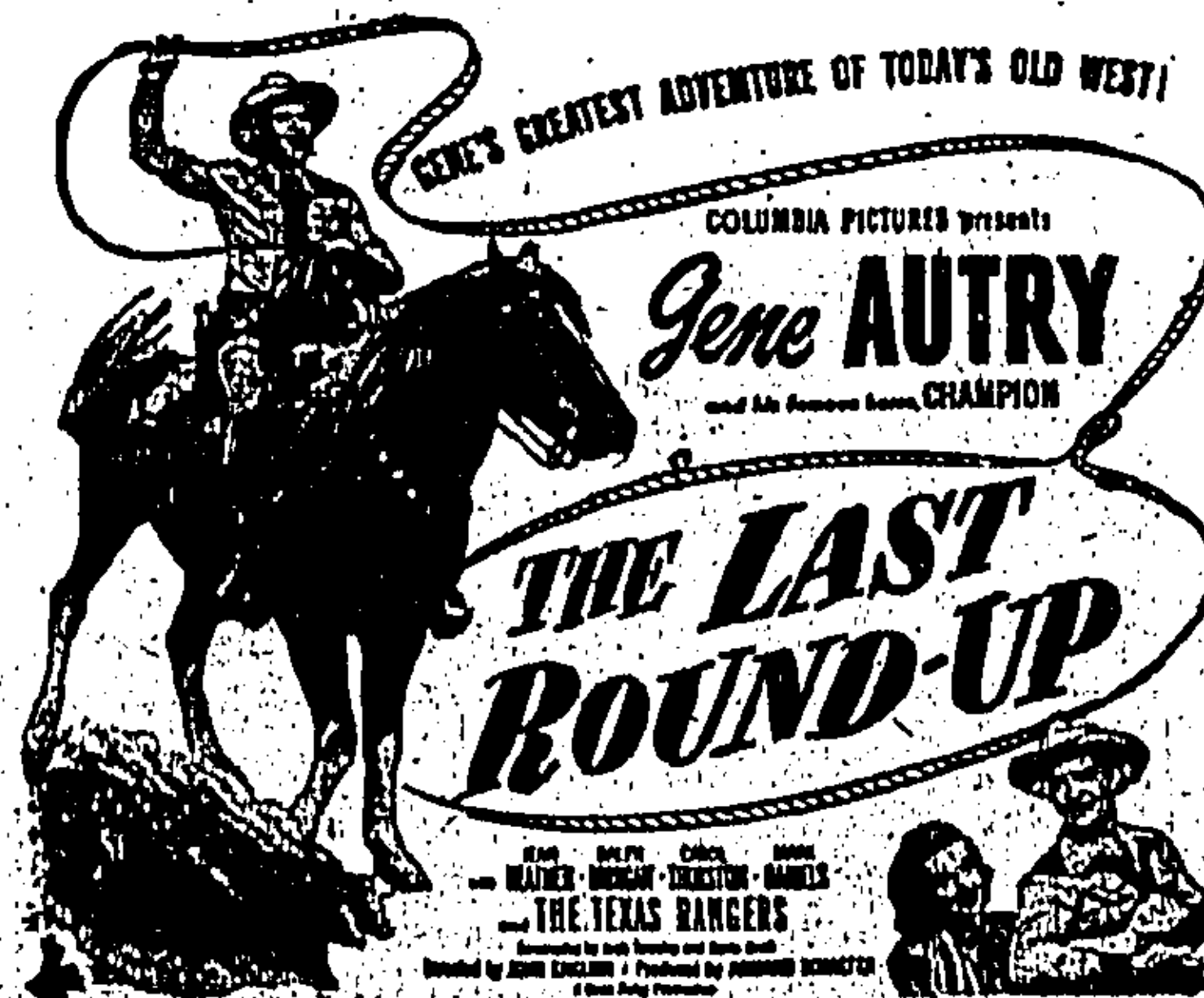
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CINEMA WORLD

Plenty of
girls at
the Lee

Girls and more girls—all in bathing suits—with plenty of laughs and gaiety predominating, are on deck for local moviegoers in Warner Bros. "The Girl From Jones Beach," coming to the Lee Theatre.

Starring Ronald Reagan, beautiful Virginia Mayo and Eddie Bracken, "The Girl From Jones Beach" has as its background the fabulous public beach for New Yorkers just outside the city on the South shore of Long Island.

The story, with Reagan and Virginia providing the heart interest, and comedian Bracken the laughs, added in no little part by Dona Drake, is about a beautiful but domineering school teacher who, it turns out, is a Jones Beach regular and, take it from us, possessed of the most charming figure ever seen on those sands. When commercial artist Reagan, with pal Bracken, a talent agent, try to find the composite girl of all the beauty he has fashioned on his drawing board, of course Virginia is the gal. But, she just isn't interested in just being beautiful and famous. She has serious ideals it seems.

In this situation Reagan protects himself, even playing an immigrant for a time in Miss Mayo's Americanisation class, and here the laughs are long and loud.

How the various models pursue the hapless Reagan, however, makes for more fun and jubilation on the screen, and local fans are in for a beach excursion of happy proportions.



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"A CONNECTICUT
YANKEE
In King Arthur's Court"
In Technicolor

Montgomery Clift
stars in fine
Western portrayal

Rating: * * *
Undoubtedly one of the best Western pictures which we have seen in a long while is "Red River," which is the next change at the King's Theatre.

Starring John Wayne, the film brings to the screen an actor who should climb the ladder to stardom with ease—Montgomery Clift.

Introduced to the cinema public in "The Search," Clift demonstrates in "Red River" once again his talent to act a part "natural." His performance is an excellent one.

Clift's acting ability, Wayne's steady portrayal of the type of role that has won him fame, and the biggest herd of cattle ever to stampede before a camera make the film lively entertainment.

Throughout it all, the producers have woven a solid story concerning solid men living a solid way of life. The result is gratifying.

"Red River" takes the cinema goer back to the years when a sudden post-Civil War shift in supply and demand prompted many Southern cattle raisers in America to lead their herds North to Missouri and Kansas, where the price per head was often ten fold. The dangerous trek—known as the Chisholm Trail—became a sandy grave for many, and a road to prosperity for few.

Wayne's stamina and Clift's sincerity plus excellent performances by a host of supporting actors, make the mastery of the Trail gripping and enjoyable film fare.



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War film
at Queen's,
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Rating: * * *
"Task Force," which is now showing at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, is one of the few war pictures which has enough realism to make it plausible, and enough fiction to make it enjoyable.

Starring the old reliable Gary Cooper and Jane Wyatt, "Task Force" is a successful attempt to trace the story of U.S. naval aviation with emphasis on aircraft carriers.

As Gary Cooper, an admiral, leaves his ship for retirement, flashback recall the struggle of a handful of men in 1921 who strived to prove the importance of carrier-launched aircraft.

This struggle is at times a bitter one because, for one reason or another, the powers that were in the American Government in the 20's thought very little of an airplane and still less of an aircraft carrier.

During a fleet problem, Cooper is injured and when Jane Wyatt, widow of one of his flying buddies, visits him, they decide to get married.

Cooper then does a stretch as an aviation instructor at the Naval Academy, but soon incurs the disapproval of his superiors when he discounts the importance of surface ships in favour of the carrier. He is back at sea when the Japanese strike at Pearl Harbor and from then on rises to commanding officer of his own carrier.

January issue of
Film News due

The January edition of the Hong Kong Film and Theatre News will go on sale next week to provide local film fans once again with the latest news about their favourite stars as well as a number of interesting feature articles.

The month's complete film story is "Take One False Step," based on the Universal picture starring William Powell and Shelley Winters.

In addition to a pin up of Ann Blyth, there are a personality story on Yvonne de Carlo and features on Dorothy Lamour, Jane Haver, Errol Flynn, Martha Toren and Lassie.

The Film News also carries illustrated features on "Little Women" and "Christopher Columbus," two attractions to be shown here in the near future.

A new feature in the January issue will be a special section for local softball fans.

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FORCES OF FREEDOM

The transfer of authority in the new United States of Indonesia has been carried out with a dignity befitting one of the most striking historical developments of our time. It is striking for two major reasons. It places seventy million people of many races and languages in line behind the hosts of India, Pakistan, Ceylon and other peoples of Asia who have found new freedom, and are on the march to new destinies. Secondly, it confirms the great fact that it is among the free democracies that the forces of freedom are at work.

In the struggle of the past four years armed force has been a factor more than once. It was predominantly on the side of the Dutch. But it cost too much and it availed nothing. The decisive factors were the determination of the Indonesian leaders to be free, the aid and sympathy they received from the free democracies in that aim, and the final victory of Dutch Liberal leaders over the more conservative politicians. The two circumstances mentioned last were decisive. Without them, the determination of the Nationalists on the one hand, and the superior force available to the Dutch on the other, would have created an almost unbreakable deadlock, and finally frustration all round.

The example had been set by Britain's remarkable policy in India. It was the pattern President Soekarno and his colleagues kept ever before them. The result in the end was much the same, except that partition has been avoided in Indonesia by the adoption of the Federal structure. There will be modifications yet both in Indonesia, where the Republicans do not altogether like Federalism, and in India, where something better than separatism and partition must yet be found. But in these matters patience and goodwill must be the essence of change.

There were differences, too, in the immediate background. Indian Nationalists, when not openly hostile to the Allied cause, gave it little support or sustenance. But the millions of Indian warriors who fought for that cause enlisted the admiration and gratitude of the entire Commonwealth. In Indonesia things were different. Some of the Nationalists, including the President himself, had collaborated with the Japanese during the occupation. They took part in the final Japanese Military gesture of defiance and sabotage, when they went to Indo-China to receive from Terauchi a mock independence.

This, and the subsequent treatment of Dutch internees and war prisoners who had suffered so much from the Japanese, greatly embittered the Dutch. The British and Indian troops themselves, at the end of a war in which they had made such heavy sacrifices, found that in Indonesia, and in Indonesia alone, they had to make further sacrifices.

It was not a promising field for generous statesmanship. And yet it began to work with goodwill and without much delay. The mediation of Lord Inverchapel and Lord Killearn did produce results, though they were frustrated by the immense difficulties of reconciling two stubborn and growingly hostile parties. The UN Commission, carried on the good work. If the will to persevere in finding agreement

THE GREAT ELECTION EXPENSE PUZZLE

By William Richmond

Will Mr. Cope prevent victorious Conservative and Liberal MPs taking their seats after the general election? A thousand-odd puzzled prospective candidates would like an answer to this question.

Mr. Cope, launched by Tate and Lyle to protect sugar from State ownership, is the spearhead of industry's fight against Socialism.

Ever since Mr. Herbert Morrison hinted that anti-nationalisation campaigns might be counted in election expenses, legal experts have been wrangling over the problem set by Mr. Morrison's veiled threats. A test case might be fought to decide how much Mr. Cope and Co.—the other anti-nationalisation campaigners—had contributed to the election of Mr. John Smith, Conservative MP for Leamington, in 1950.

This brings back the age-old problem: "What is an election expense?"

Act not clear

On December 5 Sir Hartley Shawcross, the Attorney-General, declared in Parliament that the Government preferred to rely on the existing law. Since the question of the legality of an expenditure "now incurred would have to be considered in the light of the effect it was calculated to produce if and when an election occurred."

Sir Hartley hedged, as well he might. For the existing law—the Representation of the People Act,

1948, as amended by the Act of 1949—is by no means clear on the subject.

Section 42 of the 1948 Act (Section 63 in the 1949 version) defines the steps a candidate and his election agent may take in the promotion of a candidature. No expenses shall be incurred by any person other than the candidate, his election agent, and persons authorised in writing on account of:

(a) Holding public meetings or displays; (b) Issuing advertisements, circulars, or publications; (c) Otherwise presenting to the electors the candidate or his views "or disparaging another candidate."

Election matter published in newspapers or periodicals is excluded from this heading.

The big query

There has always been a limit to election expenses—even in Eleanore days. The present Act sharply reduces the amount allowed. But one thing remains constant. Petitions always have and always will hinge on the question: "When does an election start?"

In the Elgin election petition, 1950, Lord MacLaren declared: "The management and conduct of such an election means a definite election within the knowledge and contemplation of the parties conducting and managing it."

The main difference is between

promoting the party's cause in the constituency and promoting a personal candidature. You can say "Vote Tory—when the time comes," but not "Vote for Smith"—until the time comes. But the period differs, and judges have always demurred from defining when an election begins, holding that each case must be decided on its merits.

All too soon

In 1910 Captain Guest, later Lord Wimborne, was unseated from East Dorset because it was held that he and his friends had said "Vote for Guest" for some six months before the poll—and therefore their expenses dated from that time and were over the limit.

In 1924 Mr. Frank Gray, Liberal MP for Oxford, was unseated because in November 1923 he had sent out greetings cards to his constituents after Mr. Baldwin had clearly hinted in a speech at Plymouth on October 28 that Parliament would dissolve. It was held that sending such cards after the hint must be counted as promoting candidature, and their cost exceeded the permitted election amount.

The present anti-nationalisation campaign raises different problems. First, to start a petition (an expensive business, involving £1,000 deposit in cash against costs before anything is started), an election expense incurred by an outside body—e.g.,

Tate and Lyle—must be shown to be in support of an individual, Rex v. Hallwood, 1929, laid down that "a person may support a particular candidate merely by opposing his opponent."

Man and party

On that score it might be said that Mr. Cope and Co. are supporting the Tories and Liberals merely by opposing Socialist policy. And it seems that legally no distinction may be drawn between the candidate and his party's policy.

But still such expenses must be incurred in a definite election in a definite constituency, and no candidate can be held to accept what he has had no opportunity of refusing.

If Mr. Cope and Co. stayed on the hardihood after the actual dissolution of Parliament their costs might be chargeable against individual candidates.

But in that case the boot might be on the other foot. Conservative and Liberal candidates might have to disown Mr. Cope at that time, just as Socialists are at pains to disown embarrassing and unauthorised help offered by the Communist Party.

And Mr. Cope's sponsors might themselves be liable for prosecution, since such support, if unauthorised, becomes corrupt or illegal.

Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, former Tory Attorney-General, said: "Consider the help which the Labour Party is at present receiving from other organisations. Three million pounds capital would be required to produce the £113,000 (as against £51,261 in 1945) which the Labour Party received in 1948 from affiliated trade unions.

"Do individual trade unionists want their money to be used for this purpose? Are these sums going down as election expenses from now on?"

The CWS has just given a £30,000 propaganda film to the Labour Party. Is this starting the election or promoting the election of Socialist candidates? The Co-ops contribute more than £100,000 a year to the Co-operative Union, part of the National Council of Labour."

Labour's income

The Co-ops spent £358,316 in "education" in 1947, much of which was admittedly designed to help Socialism. A 1948 summary of the Labour Party income, mostly by indirect subscriptions, shows:

Labour Party H.Q. Income	£236,265
Political Fund Income of T.U.s, after paying affiliation fees to the Labour Party ..	£286,305 (approx.)
Affiliation fees paid to Co-op Party ..	£18,630
	£541,220

Add a proportion of the £100,000 paid to the Co-op Union, of the £300,000 on "education," and the total amount available for the furtherance of Socialism becomes not far short of £750,000—up from the revenue of local Labour Parties.

The John Wilkes case—he was unseated three times in the 18th century—would pale beside the 1950 possibility of 500-odd MPs being unseated by cross-petitions!

London comments:

Mr. Ernest Bevin's record

By "Windrush"

With Parliament adjourned, it is an appropriate time to sum up the personal record of different ministers. The record of Mr. Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, has more over an especial interest at the moment because of the approach of the Colombo conference. The "Economist" in an article assesses his strength and weaknesses.

The great achievement of Mr. Bevin, says the "Economist," was to set the course of the Labour Government towards co-operation with the United States right at the start of the present Parliament. At that time—in 1945 and thereafter—the building up of the Western bloc of the Commonwealth and Communist Russia. American capitalism was a bug-bear of many trends, and persuaded the Labour party to back him in contentment on the building up of the Western bloc of the Commonwealth, America, and Western Europe. The result was the European Recovery Programme, the setting up of OEEC, the Brussels Pact, and the Atlantic Pact.

The other side

That is the credit side. The "Economist" then examines the other side. "The paradox of the Foreign Secretary's record is that having established the right general principles of policy, he appears to have drawn none of the necessary conclusions."

"In the last two years, the chief need of British statesmanship has been to expand and fill out the general idea of Western co-operation by means of specific applications of policy to particular areas and problems; but when one endeavours to discover what the particular policies may be, the record is one of disconcerting obscurity."

"The 'Economist' gives examples of Mr. Bevin's failure to generalise principles of Western co-operation. He has not produced a clear policy of 'Western Union', or even explained what he means by Western Union. He has not produced a plan to reconcile a West European policy with a Commonwealth policy. He has failed to respond to various American overtures for closer joint action."

"Mr. Bevin's drive has

had been lacking, war and not peace would still be darkening the Indonesian scene today. Now there is peace—and reconciliation. The free democracies of the West had to fight hard, and often for their own liberties. They had to be taught a sharp lesson by the American Colonists before they extended the principle to their own kin abroad. Its application to Asia has had to wait till our own time, but it has now become an article of faith that no policy is either right or practical that is based on a denial of the freedom of others. The contrast between this policy and that of the Kremlin is clear and sharp. It will become sharper yet, and be lost on nobody—not even on China."

slackened, his grip on policy has relaxed. His strategy has become spasmodic, his interventions unpredictable. More and more he appears to be in the hands of his permanent officials whose very function is to assess difficulties, measure obstacles, and counsel caution.

"The conduct of policy thus becomes a succession of defensive acts... After a promising and worthy start Mr. Bevin has shown little capacity for following up an original policy with its detail application. Whether or not the Labour Party wins the next election, new leadership will be necessary at the Foreign Office."

Stalin's record

The "Economist" in the same issue, sums up the record of another European statesman, Stalin. The occasion was his 70th birthday. The "Economist" says of him: "The legacy which Stalin will leave behind is full of the most glaring contradictions which can hardly be covered up for long. He has presided over a great industrial revolution in his country but has kept the bulk of his people in such abject poverty that the very idea of the country's further advance."

"The Russia he will be leaving behind is armed with atomic energy but, metaphorically, still goes barefoot. He has carried through a veritable cultural revolution among the peoples of the Soviet Union and has never ceased to oppress their minds by his spiritual despotism. He has forcibly driven a semi-Asiatic community to assimilate the industrial and scientific techniques of the West and is now preaching an oblique, malignant contempt for the West."

"He continues to instill some basic ideas of freedom and Socialism into the new generation and compels it to practise the ideas of the West. The tangle of contradictions cannot, however, or even for very long, be covered up by clever legends and hyperbolic purges. There is too much explosive stuff in it, and Stalin's disappearance may set off a catalyst to the explosion."

Some weeks ago an article in this paper described the presidential debate at the Oxford Union. The motion, which was carried, was that "Conservatism is the right road for Britain." The Cambridge Union followed suit by choosing the same theme for its own presidential debate and the motion was again carried. Among the guest speakers was the very young Labour MP Woodrow Wyatt. In the "Tribune" he writes a notable article on the swing to the right at both Oxford and Cambridge.

Body of opinion

"The Labour Party should not be blind to the fact that at both the older universities there is a body of opinion on the Conservative side that is of a higher intellectual calibre than pre-war, and that may be a potent aid to the Tories in the future."

Among the rising Tories there are a substantial number with the willingness and capacity to think out principles and policies afresh (an almost entirely new departure in the Conservative party). "It means that the Tories may be within measurable distance of formulating a real alternative policy... Signs such as these should be a warning to Transport House. For long the initiative of thought, the monopoly of ideas that stimulate the intelligent young, have belonged to the

Labour Party. It will not do for us to allow the contemplation of administrative burdens to impede a constant growth of new and challenging conceptions that will appeal to the undergraduate generation."

During the month there appeared the winter number of "Cornhill." This is probably the best quarterly now published in England. The present issue contains a long and remarkable story of the characters of Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt. It is written by Mr. Isaiah Berlin, an Oxford don who was a civil servant during the war, and was himself one of the most colourful and successful personalities in the British Embassy in Washington.

Mr. Berlin's article should be read in its entirety if his picture of Mr. Churchill is to be seen in the balance which he intended. But some extracts may be quoted. "Mr. Churchill's dominant category, the single, central, organising principle of his moral and intellectual universe, is an historical imagination so strong, so comprehensive, as to encase the whole of the present and the future in a framework of a rich and multi-coloured past."

Value of action

"Mr. Churchill's world is built upon the privacy of public over private relationships, upon the supreme value of action, of the battle between simple good and simple evil, between life and death. Whatever you may do, he declared to the demoralised French ministers in the blackest hour of 1940, we shall fight on for ever and ever and ever, and under this sign his own whole life has been lived. What has he fought for? Far from changing his opinions too often, Mr. Churchill has scarcely during a long and stormy career, altered them at all. It is the strength and coherence of his central, life-long beliefs which has provoked greater uneasiness, more disfavour and suspicion, in the central office of the Conservative Party than his vehemence or passion for power....

"Mr. Churchill is one of the diminishing number of those who genuinely believe in a specific world-order: the desire to give life and strength to the most powerful single influence upon everything which he thinks and imagines does and is....

"Blasphemy is quoted as having said that there was no such thing as political intuition: political genius consisted in the ability to hear that distant hoofbeat of the horse of History—and then by superhuman effort to leap and catch the horseman by the coat-tails. No man as ever listened for this fateful sound more eagerly than Winston Churchill, and in 1940 he made the fateful leap....

"The Prime Minister was able to impose his imagination and his will upon his countrymen precisely because he appeared to them larger and nobler than life and lifted them to an abnormal height in a moment of crisis. It was a climate in which men do not usually live—nor ought to like—living; it demands a violent tension which, if it lasts, destroys all sense of normal perspective....

"But it did turn a large number of inhabitants of the British Isles out of their normal selves, made them seem to themselves clad in fabulous garments appropriate to a great historic moment, transformed towards the brave men, and so fulfilled the purpose of shaping armour."



Good Morning!

Stuffing too rich?
 Bloke had a duck containing 30 gold bars in its stomach taken from him by revenue men.
 This was perhaps the only duck in history with 30 lads.

The present season is now past.
 It has been decided that a policeman should be able to wear a shirt for three years.
 On and off, I hope.

Struck out.
 What the tram conductors lacked was punch, but the owners are apparently determined to see fare play.

What with "Batavia" crowds greeting birth of new nation, the splash news of Rita Hayworth's special delivery, and a couple of christenings, sub-editors on yesterday's paper began to wonder whether there would be any come-back later from the Midwives' Union.

Jigtime in Jakarta.
 To Hatin and Soekarno, life with the Dutch must seem a bit like a trip on a Ferris wheel.

Let the bell ring.
 No more his jingling juggernaut The Hong Kong tramline drives, And city streets seem much less fraught.

With danger to our lives.
 Why, if these things did not exist, Perhaps they never would be missed.

For nowadays the busy crowd Find with delighted smiles That once the trams are not allowed.

Our traffic system works! And we're no longer out of luck.

'Twixt Seylla and Charybdis stuck.
 So please let progress onward roll.
 Today chance hath revealed What we should make tomorrow's goal— NO TRAMS! Their fate is sealed.
 No more need tourists coming here At our outmoded transport leer.

Let us those biots eradicate (Though V.F.'s tune and fuss) And, although late, get up to date.
 And use the nimble bus, Instead of standing, stuck in jams Upon the tops of strapless trams!

I see they're still "introducing" that Argonaut Speedbird. Disgruntled recipients of airmail say that delay is apparently the watchword all round.

Indisputable.
 "Enthusiastic dancers in all countries seek to excel in what has become known as the English style," says a writer. His own nationality is modestly left unmentioned.

Bandits recently entered an New York night club and robbed the diners of all their money.
 Many guests noticed nothing unusual beyond a slight change in the management's technique.

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CRUCIAL PROPOSITION TO BE DISCUSSED BY COLOMBO CONFERENCE

PEKING & OVERSEAS CHINESE

San Francisco, December 28. The Commission of Overseas Chinese Affairs of the Communist Government in Peking has sent a circular letter calling for the establishment of direct connections between the overseas Chinese and the Communist Government.

The letter was circulated to various organisations, newspapers and bookshops operated by Chinese who are living abroad.

According to the circular, quoted by Peking Radio tonight, the Commission is much concerned about the well-being of Chinese residents abroad, especially those in the countries of South East Asia who are now in a terrible plight.

"The tasks of the Commission of Overseas Chinese Affairs," the circular stated, "are to investigate and study the conditions of Chinese people living abroad and to formulate a policy to safeguard their legitimate rights."

It will unite with them, keep in touch with overseas Chinese organisations, assist them to come back to China to make investments, work out measures to facilitate overseas remittance, improve the livelihood of the families of overseas Chinese, extend relief to overseas Chinese in difficult straits, render help to Chinese students abroad to come back for higher education, and give guidance to the work of overseas Chinese affairs at home and abroad. — Reuters

Delay in Kashmir problem

Lake Success, December 28. Show communications between Lake Success and India and Pakistan were blamed today for four postponements of this week of a Security Council meeting on the Kashmir question. The Council now is called to meet on Thursday afternoon.

General A. G. L. McNaughton of Canada, December 28. Chairman of the Council, has been conferring with the Indian and Pakistani delegations here on the Kashmir problem.

Informed sources said his aim was to initiate mediation steps but that he has not dealt with the substance of the issue. It was said that the two delegations have not received complete instructions on their answers to his efforts and that a meeting of the Council would be futile until answers are received.

There has been a cease fire in Kashmir, a princely state in Northern India, since last January but that is as far as both sides have gone toward a pledge to decide whether Kashmir will join India or Pakistan. UN sources say the next step is to get a mediator on the scene but so far neither side has agreed on the mediation steps. — Associated Press.

London, December 28. The eight-nation Commonwealth conference at Colombo will devote itself largely to a crucial proposition: how the British Commonwealth of Nations can promote stability and economic improvement in Asia.

This means that Mr. Bevin and his fellow Foreign Ministers will concern themselves generally with four chief menaces present or possible, to Asiatic peace and stability:

- (1) A Communist victory in China, with the prospect of Communist infiltration Southward into India, Pakistan, Malaya, Siam, Burma and Indo-China.

The conference will discuss future — post-recognition — Commonwealth policy toward Communist China.

(2) The problem of a resurgent Japan. The conference will re-examine Commonwealth policy for a peace treaty with Japan. It will most certainly insist that a treaty be drafted by the 11 members of the Far Eastern Commission, and not, as the Soviet Union has so far insisted, by the Foreign Ministers conference, of which Britain alone of the Commonwealth nations is a member.

(3) The Commonwealth's own internal stresses such as the almost full-scale economic war between India and Pakistan, now exacerbated by India's decision to suspend coal supplies to Pakistan in retaliation for Pakistan's failure to deliver raw jute to India.

(4) The menace of incipient poverty or how to continue and expand economic assistance to Southern and South East Asia. So far, Western aid has largely assumed the form of British Sterling balances released to India and Pakistan. Can some kind of private investment "Marshall Aid" now be developed? This is the question that Britain is now seeking to solve in scaling down its three billion pounds worth of Sterling balance liabilities.

Beyond these topics, Mr. Bevin, for Britain, will be seeking to defuse any Commonwealth suspicion that as Britain moves closer to collaboration with West Europe via OEEC and the Council of Europe it will perform move away from the Commonwealth.

No final decisions

What Mr. Bevin is likely to say on this score is that Commonwealth interests will in no way be allowed to become secondary to those of Western Union. But he will also have a chapter and verse ready to illustrate how closely inter-linked are the interests of the Commonwealth and Western Europe, how their trade is complementary, for instance, and can expand to everyone's benefit.

The conference, which is expected to last about 10 days, will make no final decisions.

The aim is to assure that all eight Commonwealth nations — Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Ceylon and South Africa — have the opportunity to discuss crucial problems and arrive at a common point of view. Once a common viewpoint is attained, each country can then work out its own policies in the light of its own circumstances.

This non-rigid approach, which characterises virtually all Commonwealth discussions, does not mean that the conference is not exceptionally important. The whole Western world is coming to realise the necessity of raising

the standard of life in South East Asia. For the United States President Truman has discussed the possibilities of American investment in "backward areas". The Commonwealth Foreign Ministers will indeed discuss what further forms of economic assistance can be provided in conjunction with the United States to fend off Communism, which thrives on hunger and poverty.

Great tasks

Obviously, if Britain is at any time to scale down its Sterling balances, wartime debts owed, for instance, to India, Pakistan and the Middle Eastern countries which Britain has been gradually releasing and thus providing the wherewithal to pay for imports into those areas — then some other form of economic assistance may become necessary if economic stability is to be assured in these vast and primitive regions.

The importance which Whitehall attaches to the conference is indicated by the calibre of the British delegation.

Mr. Bevin himself is making the long journey though he would prefer a rest. Flying direct to Colombo later will be Mr. P. J. Noel-Baker, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, Sir Roger Makins, Foreign Office economic chief, E. M. Dunning, head of the Far Eastern Department, and Sir Henry Wilson Smith, now Second Secretary at the Treasury.

Great tasks lie ahead. Not only must recovery be stimulated and hunger warded off, India and Pakistan must settle their dangerously persistent quarrels, Burma, not a Dominion, but closely affecting Asia's future, must somehow transform its internal chaos into some semblance of order. Peace needs to come to Indo-China as it has to Indonesia. The Colombo conference is only one of many urgent discussions which will serve to direct attention to the problem of Asia, a continent which is likely to assume particular importance in 1950. — Reuters.

JAPAN HAS 23 MILLIONAIRES

Tokyo, December 28. Japan has 23 millionaires, according to the latest reports put out by the Taxation Department. They are credited with incomes which, at the current exchange, equal a little more than £10,000.

The occupations of the first 10 millionaires are given as leather merchant, penicillin producer, fibre maker, veneers manufacturer, publisher, communications apparatus manufacturer, lumber man, heavy industry, soap manufacturer.

Last year's richest man — a money lender — has become the nation's greatest tax defaulter, and is no longer a millionaire. — Reuters.

SEAMEN'S MEETING IN PEKING

San Francisco, December 28. The all-China Seamen's Representatives' Conference has ended in the Chinese Communist capital of Peking, a Communist broadcast said tonight.

The meeting passed resolutions on the organisation of seamen's unions, the signing of collective agreements, the setting up of seamen's clubs, the publishing of magazines for seamen and the training of seamen trade union cadres, the broadcast said. — Reuters.

BOMBAY HOLD-UP

Bombay, December 28. Five Indians, wielding knives, attacked five Bank messengers today and escaped with bags containing \$117,000. Two messengers were stabbed. — United Press.

France would resist attack on Indo-China

Paris, December 28. If the Chinese Communists attacked the Indo-China frontier France would defend it and immediately appeal to the United Nations.

The French High Commissioner in Indo-China, M. Leon Pignon, said this in a copy-righted article appearing here in tonight's "France-Soir." — Reuters.

CHINESE U.N. FIGHT WITH REDS

Lake Success, December 28.

Dr. T. F. Tsiang, Nationalist China's chief delegate to the United Nations, announced today that he is piling up detailed evidence against the Soviet Union for the United Nations Little Assembly to tackle in January.

Dr. Tsiang is working in his office on the documents he will present to the Little Assembly. The UN announced that the Little Assembly will meet for the first time in 1950 on January 16.

The Chinese question automatically will take top rank as the hottest issue before the delegates. The Chinese Nationalist delegation does not expect anyone to come here from China or Taiwan to add to the present group.

Formed sources said this means that Dr. Tsiang, the permanent Nationalist delegate here since August 1947, will remain in full control of the local fight against the Soviet Union. He charged the Russians with breaking a friendship pact with the Nationalists and with helping the Chinese Reds.

The Russian bloc of five nations — the Soviet Union, the Soviet Ukraine, White Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia — has boycotted the Little Assembly since its formation in the 1947 Assembly. They also have boycotted debate on the Chinese question in the recent General Assembly, and their attitude is that Dr. Tsiang does not represent China.

The Chinese issue may burst out in the Security Council at the first meeting in January.

Dr. Tsiang becomes President of the Council under the ordinary scheme of rotating the post each month by the English alphabetical order of the members.

The Russians are expected to challenge him at the start, but UN sources predict that the Council will uphold Dr. Tsiang. — Associated Press.

AUTOCRACY IN WEST GERMANY

Hanover, December 28. Dr. Kurt Schumacher, the West German Social Democrat leader, said today that there is a tendency towards autocracy in West Germany, which is nourished by many sources.

In a review of the year published by the party's Press service, he added that peoples must be educated and not be separated by international trusts and cartels.

What is developing between Western Europe and Western Germany is "the dishonest business circles that produced the Third Reich, prepared two world wars, and filled their pockets through them."

Any "Uring of the will for a united Germany" would "vastly increase the danger of a Soviet satellite Germany," a danger not only for Germany's future but also for Europe, Dr. Schumacher declared.

The German Social Democrats look upon the Federal Republic as the foundation of German unity, he said. — Reuters.

AUTHOR'S DEATH

Miami, Florida, December 28. Hervey Allen, author of "Anthem" and other books, died at his home today of a heart attack. — United Press.

Independence, Missouri,

December 28. President Truman ended his Christmas holiday at his home here today and left by air for Washington. — Reuters.

Peking fantasy on germ warfare preparations

San Francisco, December 28. The Chinese Communist radio today charged Britain and the United States with attempts to menace world peace with bacteriological weapons.

Peking radio carried a "Peking People's Daily" commentary on the Khabarovsk germ trials where 12 Japanese ex-officers are being tried by a Soviet military tribunal on charges of having plotted germ warfare against the Soviet Union, the United States, and Great Britain.

These trials, the paper said, "serve as a strong warning to the Anglo-American warmongers who are attempting to employ bacteriological weapons to menace Far Eastern and world peace."

The paper did not say what this allegation was based upon. Describing the Khabarovsk trials as a "righteous act on the part of our great friendly neighbour — the Soviet Union" and "an expression of profound friendship of the Soviet people towards the Chinese people," the paper goes on to attribute the post-war Manchurian plague epidemics to germs originating at bacteriological stations set up by the Japanese in Manchuria near the Soviet border.

(The latest outbreak of plague in Manchuria was in November. Soviet scientists were despatched to help the Chinese Communists fight the disease.)

"Countless Chinese civilians died when the Japanese scattered germs over South and Central China," the paper said.

Khabarovsk trial

Radio Moscow said today that one of the Japanese accused at the Khabarovsk germs trials testified that bacteriological teams were used against three Chinese cities in 1940, 1941 and 1942 with considerable success.

The prosecutor introduced a document which, he said, was a copy of one placed before the international military tribunal in Tokyo by "the United States Assistant Prosecutor."

The document listed atrocities alleged to have been committed by Japanese bacteria units.

The radio said that the fourth defendant, Sakuru Takahashi, a former general and head of the Kwangtung Army admitted that one bacteria unit had established posts along the Siberian frontier and planned to infect all cattle in the area and drive the animals into Russia if the war started.

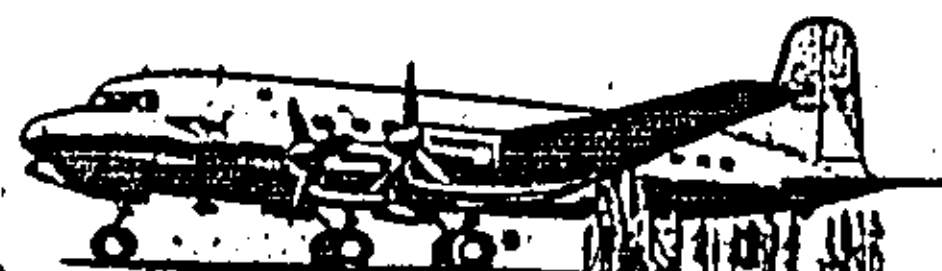
Radio Moscow said also that one of the accused admitted to charges of participation in experiments on humans. — United Press.

CHINESE BONDS

San Francisco, December 28. When the Chinese Communist "People's Victory Bonds" are put on sale on January 5, 1950, they are expected to be snapped up by people in all major cities throughout Communist China, Peking Radio intimated tonight.

Reporting wide support for the launching of the bonds, the Radio said that in Shanghai, employees of the Shanghai Power Company, as well as those of the British Tramcar Company, had pledged to buy the bonds with their annual bonuses.

The Radio added that industrialists and merchants had also expressed their full support of the bonds. — Reuters.



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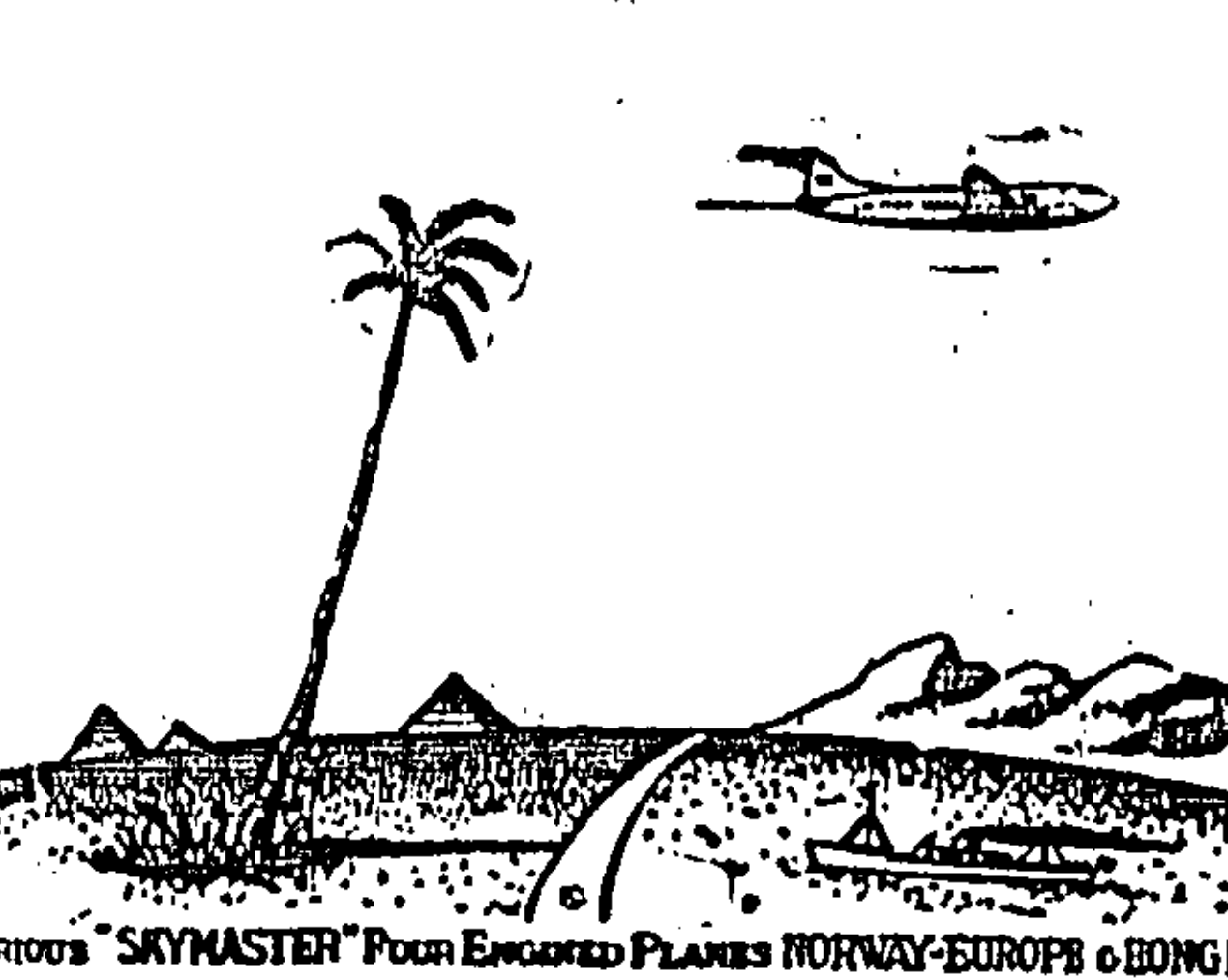
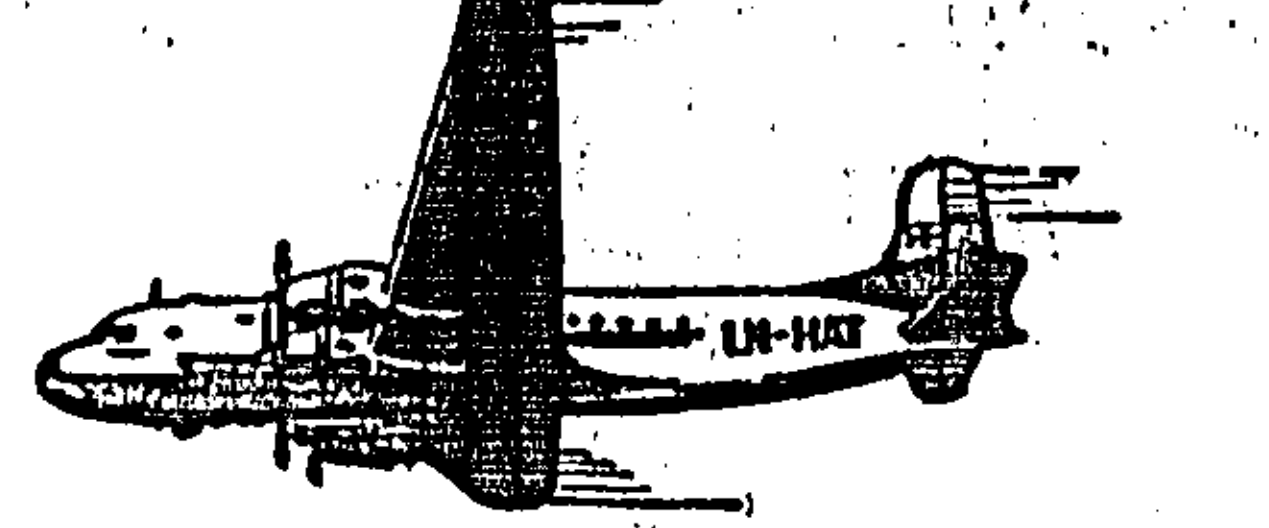
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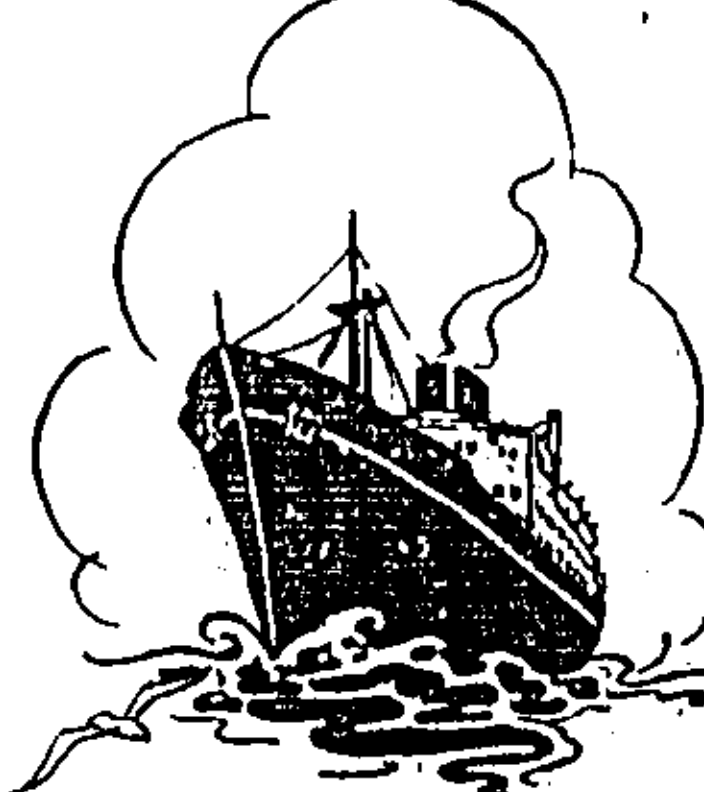
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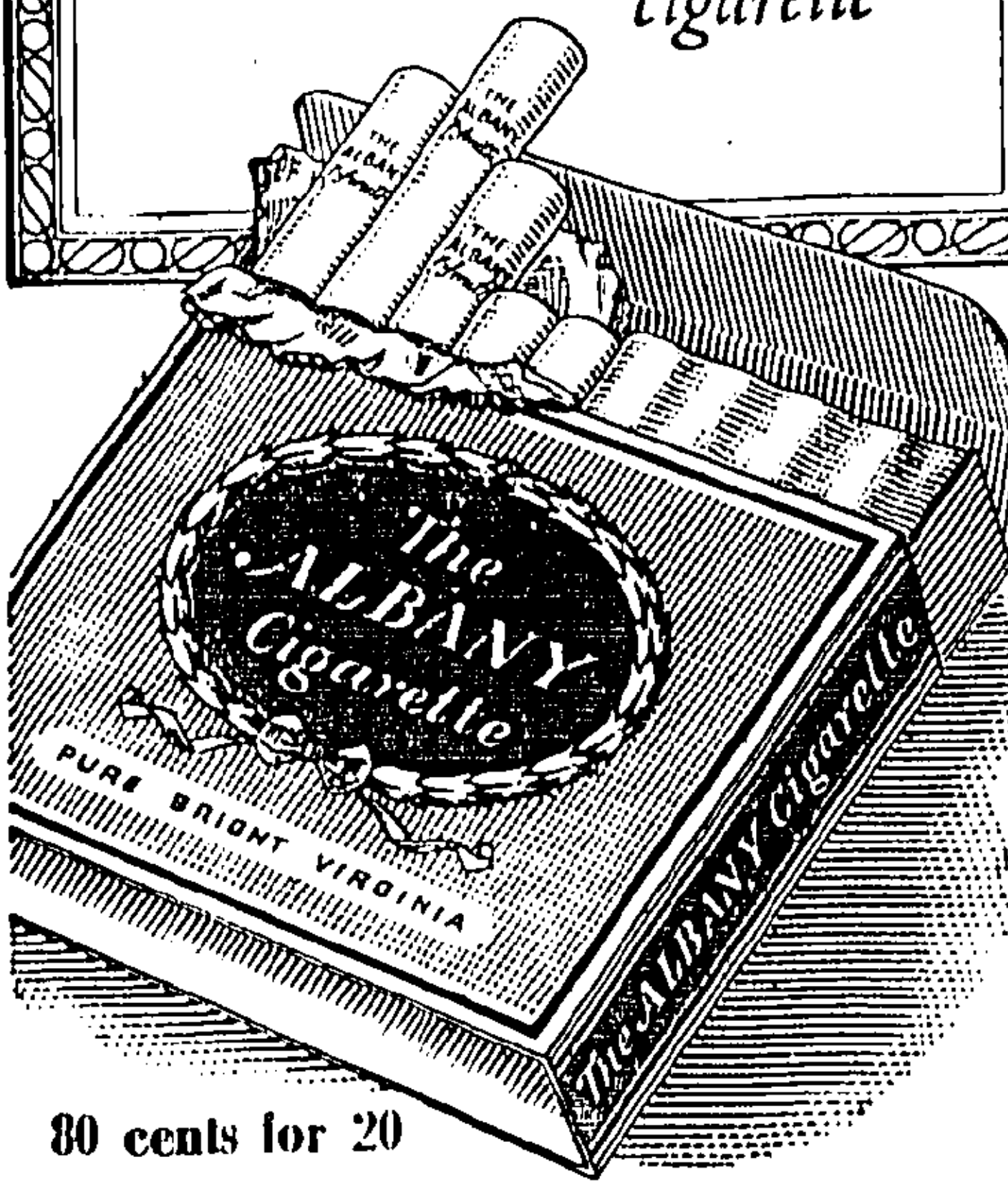
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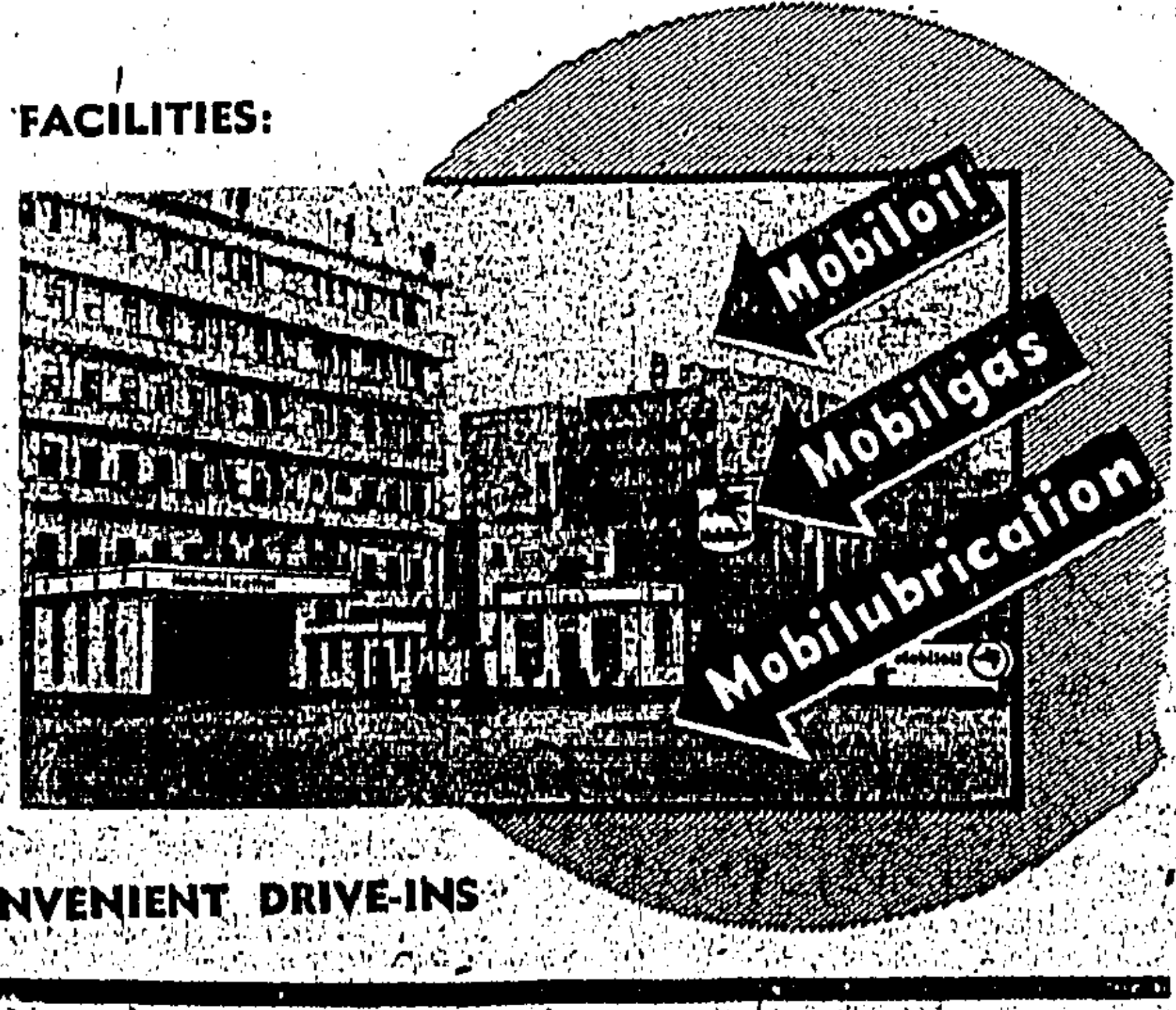
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American freed by Hungarians

Vienna, December 28.

Israel Jacobson returned to Vienna from a 12-day stay in a Budapest prison today "really convinced the Hungarians thought I was guilty of espionage."

He said he was treated fairly well after the first five days. Before that he was given very little food and allowed only brief snatches of sleep.

The former Director of the American Joint Distribution Committee in Hungary said he was continually questioned about his relations with Robert A. Vogeler and the Briton, Edgar Sanders, who have been held by the Hungarians for nearly six weeks on charges of espionage.

He said he told the Hungarians he did not know either man and

was told in return that Kogeler admitted their friendship.

Mr. Jacobson was kept at police headquarters in Budapest and not allowed to see anyone from the Legation. He was told nothing about Mr. Vogeler and Mr. Sanders except that they were being held.

Mr. Jacobson said he was arrested soon after he had crossed the Hungarian border on December 15. He was taken to the Budapest prison and kept there until his release yesterday afternoon, he said.

The questioning centred on the alleged espionage activities of Jacobson himself and the AJDC as an organization. He was also asked about the alleged activities of the AJDC in helping Hungarian Jews flee the country.

He was asked to write an explanation for each entry in his personal and official appointment book. He estimates that he wrote more than 10,000 words a day for five days in longhand.

Constant light

A small divan in the room was Jacobson's only bed. His hands had to be uncovered and he had to face into an electric light that was always kept burning.

He was under guard every minute he spent in the prison. Mr. Jacobson was decorated by the Hungarian Government in 1948 in recognition of the relief activities of the AJDC. He said he referred to the medal several times but was told "that was last year."

He was told yesterday afternoon by Lieutenant-General Peter Gabor, head of the Hungarian Political Police, that he was to be released.

He was told he was "not quite an agent" but the Hungarians indicated he had been guilty of indiscretion.

He drove to the Austro-Hungarian border accompanied by an officer of the State Security Police. After he crossed the border, he was picked up by Russian troops because his permit to cross the Russian occupation zone had expired.

At the suggestion of the Austrian frontier police he was allowed to spend the night nearby while negotiations were completed in Vienna for his release.

He said he was well treated by the Russians.

U.S. reaction

In Washington, the State Department today expressed gratification that Hungary had released Mr. Jacobson.

But it added that the Hungarian Government had at no time justified the way in which it had treated Mr. Jacobson.

Mr. Jacobson was arrested on December 15. Another American citizen, Mr. Robert Vogeler, a vice-president of the International Telephone and Telegraph Com-

Pope's appeal to diplomats

Vatican City, December 28.

Pope Pius XII today called on diplomats of 37 nations, including Communist Czechoslovakia, to lead their governments toward peace in international relations.

Only by a concerted effort, he said, can the world find peace that will wipe out the memories of sorrowful experiences of the recent past. The Pontiff received all diplomats accredited to the Vatican in a special mass audience for an exchange of New Year's greetings.—United Press.

PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY

Washington, December 28.

The multi-million dollar atomic research programme is paying big dividends in the form of non-military scientific discoveries valuable to agriculture, industry and education, it was disclosed today.

The Atomic Energy Commission issued a special report on findings which have emerged as a by-product of the research aimed primarily at developing more effective atom bombs.

During the first 11 months of this year, the report showed, the Commission published 877 research papers totalling 19,000 pages of information in the fields of medicine, biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, mineralogy, metallurgy and ceramics. Emphasizing that still more information is on the way, the Commission also announced the appointment of a "working party" of technical experts to select publishable material.

Studies that may do far more to revolutionize agriculture were described by atomic scientists at the University of California at Berkeley. They issued a preliminary report on the research into photosynthesis, a mysterious agricultural process by which plants convert sunlight into food.

From the atomic laboratory at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, scientists described a new kind of plastic which can be used for making chemical filters that are highly resistant to acids and almost shatterproof.

If they find scientific data, techniques and processes that private metallurgists would value, the Commission will determine how much of the information can be made public.

The Commission is urged to launch a more intensive effort to survey and declassify some of the know-how it has gained through its broad research.—United Press.

pany, who was also arrested on charges of spying and sabotage, is still detained in Hungary.

The Department said that Mr. Jacobson had left Hungarian territory. "The issues which have been raised by the Jacobson affair and by the continued detention and incommunicado of Robert Vogeler remain, and are continuing to receive, this Government's urgent attention," the Department added.—Associated Press and Reuter.

CHINA EXPERIENCING WORST FAMINE FOR LAST FEW DECADES

(By Chang Kuo-sin)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last of a series of three articles by United Press correspondent, Chang Kuo-sin, who has recently arrived here after an overland trip from Shanghai.)

Communist China is at present in the midst of a very grave famine affecting an estimated 50 million persons.

The Chinese Communist government officially admitted on December 22 that 9,000,000 Chinese are "starving or half starving."

The announcement, which I later found had not been distributed abroad, described the famine as "the worst for the last few decades."

The announcement called on all local authorities to give priority to relief work. One of the most important measures was the organization of refugees into farming and handicraft units for productive work.

Mao Tse-tung recently called upon Chinese Communist army units similarly to form themselves into co-operative units, which offered handsome incentives for boosting the production of food.

Reliable sources estimated that between 30 and 40 per cent of Red China's arable land has been damaged by droughts, floods and pestilence during the last few years, while undamaged areas yielded only half of the normal crop.

Reports from rural areas North of the Yangtze River said that the most fortunate people there were down to the meals of congee (rice gruel) daily.

Shanghai influx

Many starving villagers are flooding the urban areas for food. Famine in the rural areas has caused the complete evacuation of the Red's policy of dispersing "non-productive" residents from over-crowded Shanghai.

The Reds have now abandoned this policy because every man sent back to the villages returned to the city with many more. One of those returned told me that he was unable to remain in his village because he had nothing to eat; he had to bring back his relatives because they were likewise starving.

Qualified sources said that there are about 120,000 homeless and hungry refugees in Shanghai alone, with the authorities unable to help. The number of beggars has risen sharply, and they are found in every street and alley begging from passers-by and rickshaw passengers.

The famine has also caused widespread deterioration of public safety, with a sharp rise in the number of hold-ups and robberies.

Canton conditions

When I stopped over at Canton a few days ago, the train arrived after dusk; the hotel was several miles away at the other side of the town. Railway attendants warned me to remain at the station overnight instead of travelling through the city after dark because of the prevalence of footpads and highwaymen. Police are virtually non-existent.

Communist trade bureaux have up to now succeeded in keeping the cities supplied with food, but the effects of the famine are beginning to creep into the urban areas, causing ill-fated and other disorders.

The Chinese Communist New China News Agency admitted that famine was the primary cause of the violent price fluctuations in October and November, wherein the government dumped thousands of tons of rice and other commodities on the Shanghai market in an attempt to halt the runaway price spiral. (Recent economic reports from Shanghai indicated that the

Communist currency has been inflated between 1,000 and 1,500 per cent within the past two months.)

Help unlikely

Famine is considered one of the most serious problems the Reds have yet encountered in the consolidation of their political rule, and one which—in view of their foreign policy—will have to be solved without outside help.

Soviet Russia, to which country the Chinese Communists seem now definitely conjoined, is not only in no position to help, but has aggravated the situation by requiring shipments of Chinese food in exchange for Russian machinery under a one-year barter agreement.

The food situation in Manchuria appears to be slightly better than in China proper. Communist Press reports said that Manchurian rice would soon be shipped to North China to help alleviate the famine, although this does not necessarily indicate a Manchurian surplus.—United Press.

Missions operating in Foochow

Boston, December 28.

Christian churches, schools and hospitals in Communist-occupied Foochow have encountered little interference from the new regime since last August's conquest of the city, missionaries reported today.

The Congregationalist-Christian American Board of Foreign Missions disclosed receipt of messages from its 25 missionaries stationed in Foochow. They said: "To date all churches, schools and hospitals have been able to continue and missionaries have been able to live and work much as before."

The communications revealed that the Communists posted proclamations assuring "freedom of worship" and "protection of foreigners" a few hours after occupation of the city last August. Increased taxation and reduced earnings, however, have taxed the resources of the Chinese people and the Missions alike, the Board said in an appeal for funds.—Associated Press.

ATOMIC PACT PROSPECTS DIM

Washington, December 28.

Mr. David E. Lilienthal, the retiring Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, said today that the prospects for an early international agreement to control atomic energy are remote. He believes, however, that the long-term prospects are good.

Mr. Lilienthal, due to retire as Chairman of the Commission next February, made these statements at the second general news conference held by the Commission. He thinks major advances have been made in American atomic research during 1949, but he refused to indicate in what field of research the advance had taken place.—Reuter.

TAIPEH COMMENT ON INDIA

Taipei, December 28.

Commenting on a foreign Press despatch from Taipei that the Government of India will recognise the Chinese Communist Peking Government on the condition that the latter pledges itself to honour all existing relations with India, including the Simla Convention of 1914, a local student of Indian affairs termed it "wishful thinking" if India hopes by extending recognition to gain special privileges in Tibet.

The source recalled that China has no commercial treaty with India. Furthermore she has not signed the Simla Convention which was considered unequal and illegal.

The same source commented that should the Peking regime think it expedient to accept such a Convention it is unimaginable what concessions Mao Tse-tung, the Chinese Communist leader, would offer to Moscow which had unconditionally recognised the Peking administration 24 hours after its establishment.

It is not believed that the Chinese Communists are prepared to accord better treatment to India than to Russia.

Meantime, reliable sources here predict that India will recognise the Peking Government on January 2, and it is believed that the Nationalist Government has already drafted a statement severing diplomatic relations with India as soon as the latter announces its recognition of the Mao Tse-tung regime.—Reuter.

EMIL JANNINGS GRAVELY ILL

Vienna, December 28.

According to Press reports, the film star Emil Jannings is critically ill at the country house on Lake Wolfgang in the American zone of Austria where he has been living in retirement.

The famous Vienna specialist, Dr. Laudin, has been called to the bedside.—Reuter.

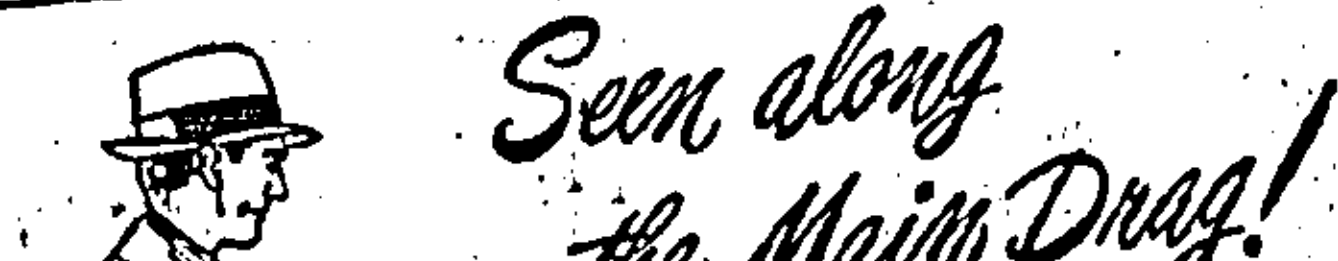
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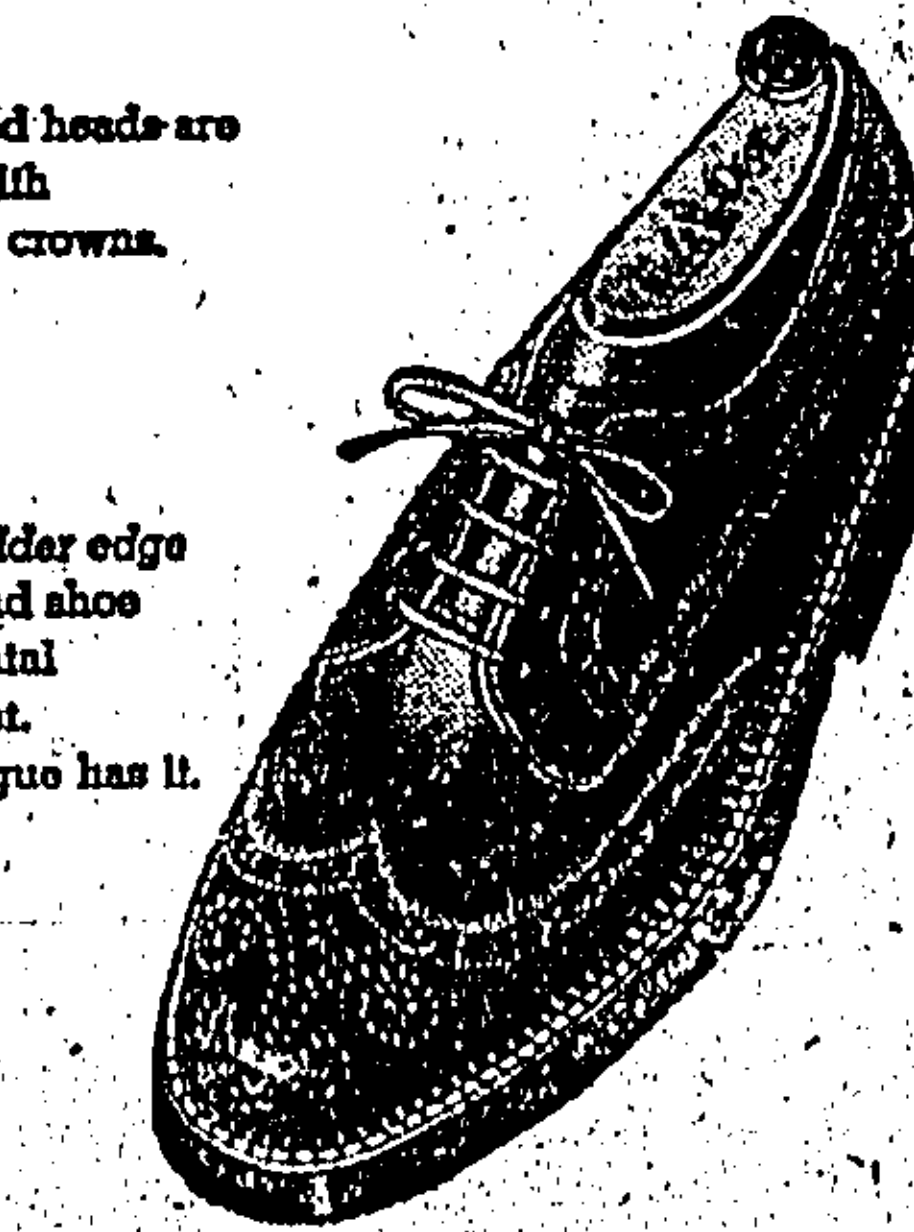
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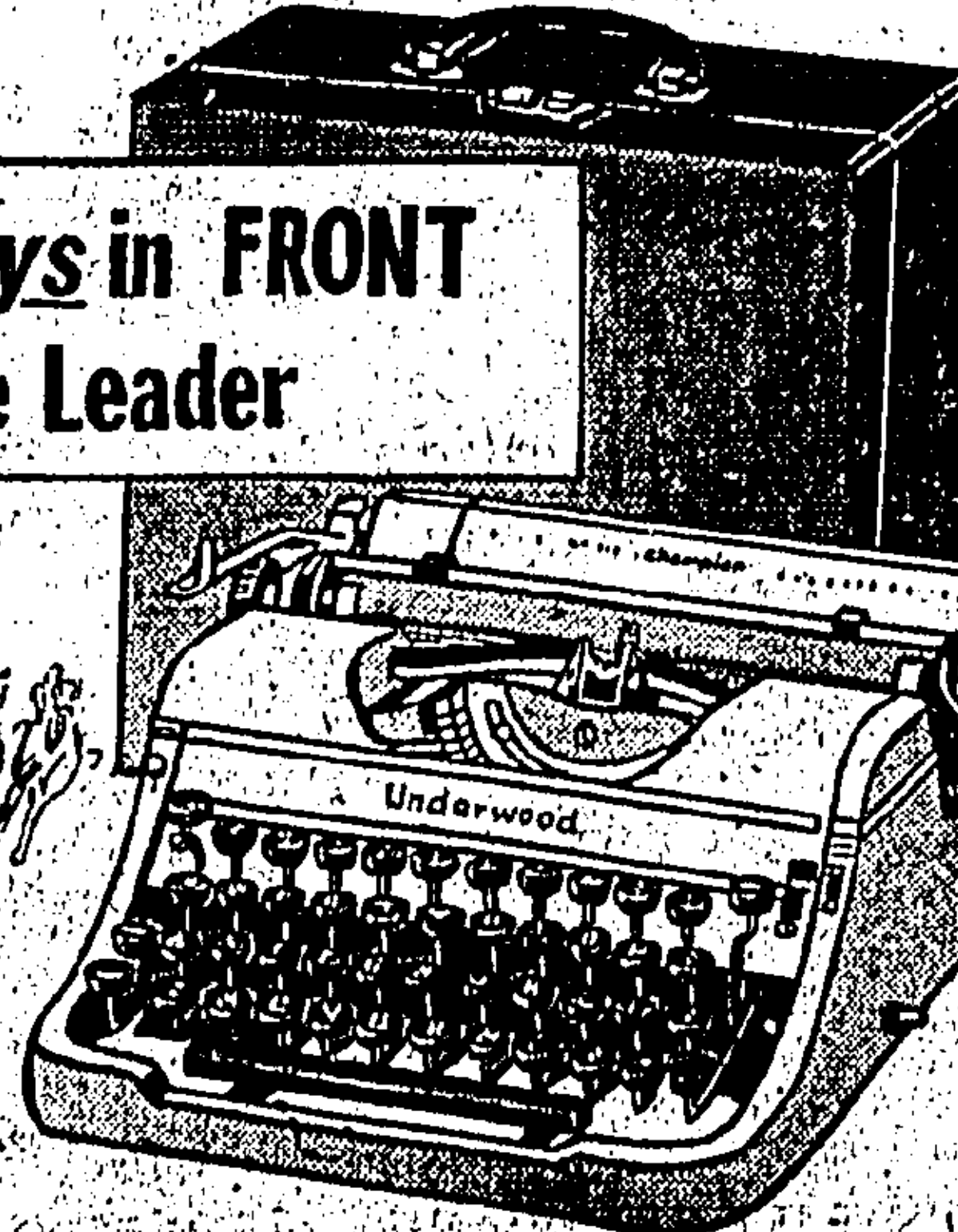
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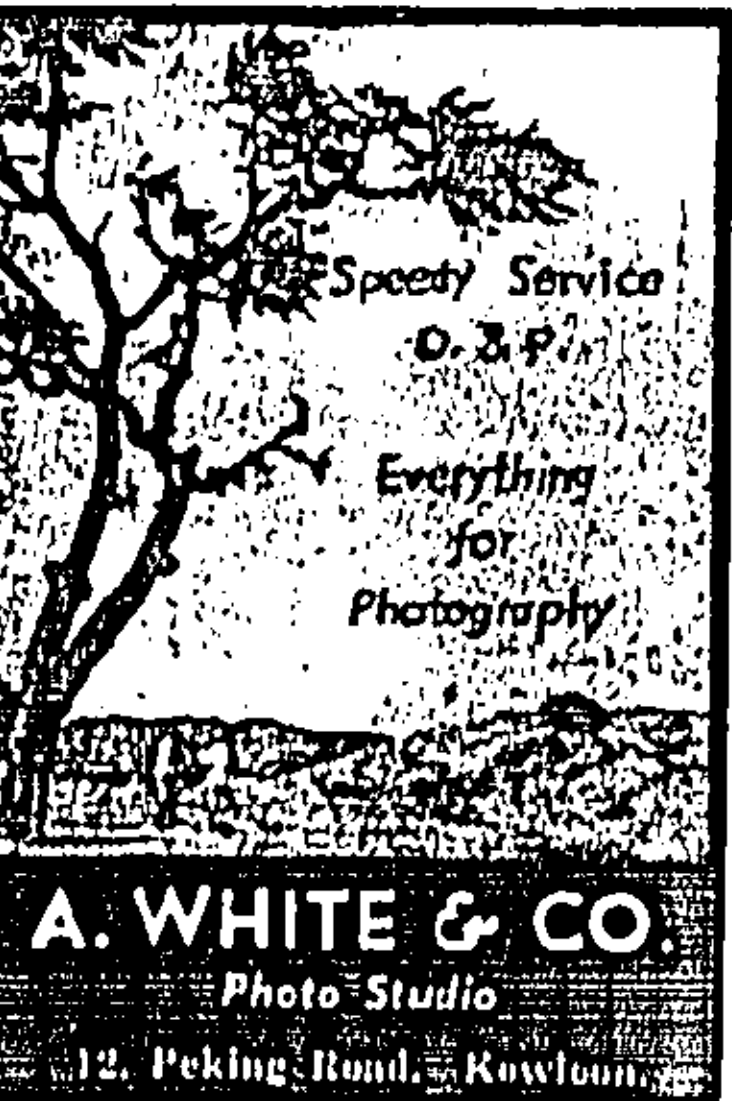
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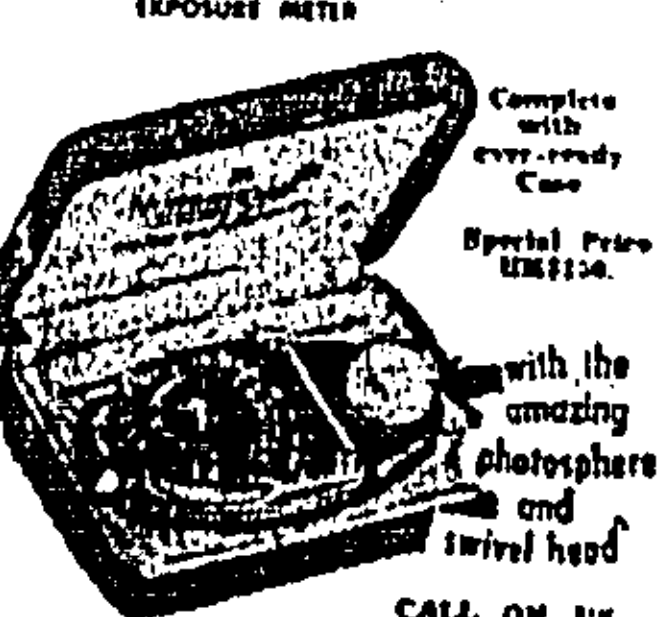
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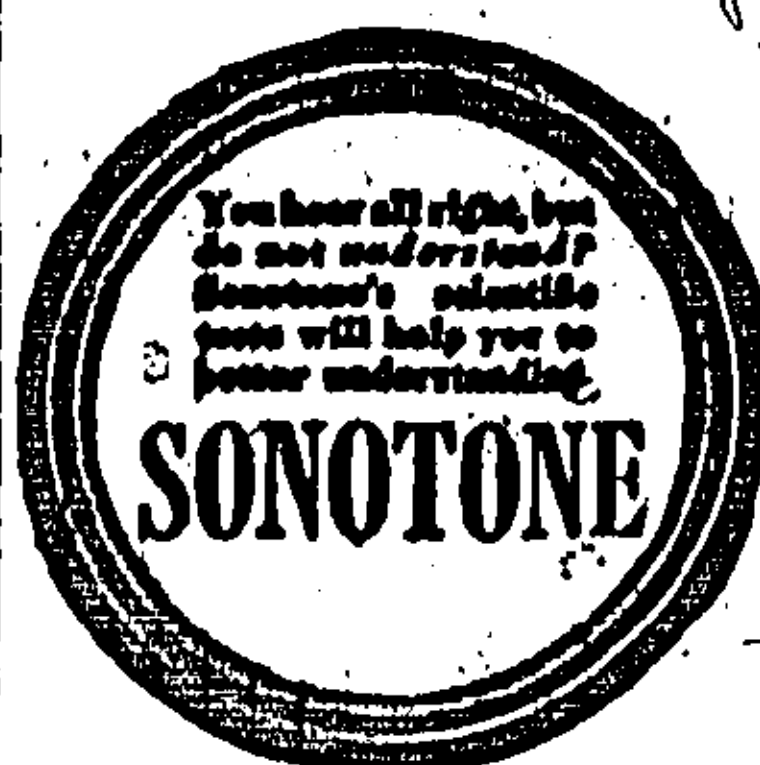
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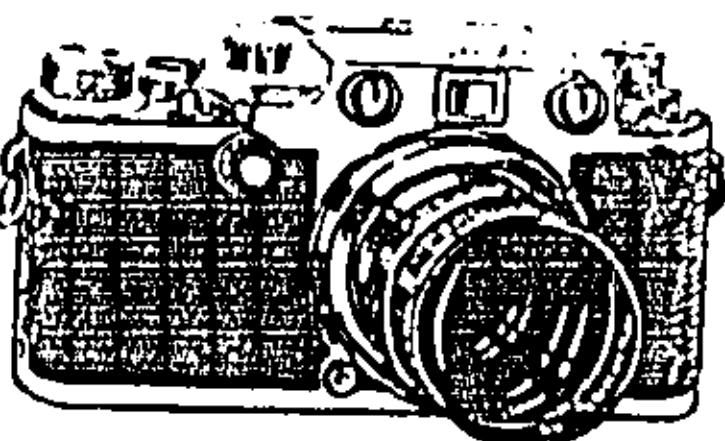
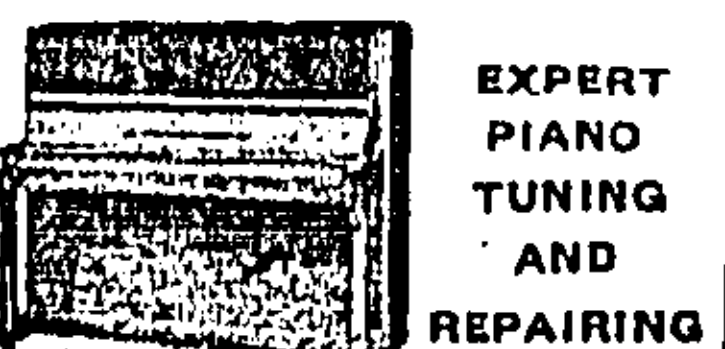
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Nazis retires

Paris, December 28.

An elderly Swiss-Jewish businessman who bluffed
the Nazis into releasing or sparing the lives
of more than 200,000 Jews retired today as
Swiss Director of the American Joint Distri-
bution Committee.Ealy Mayer, of St. Gall, 67-year-old head of Jewish
relief measures in Switzerland, has retired
and will be succeeded by James Rice, of
Cleveland, Ohio, at present an AJDA official
in Geneva.EINSTEIN
THEORY
A WORRY

New York, December 28.

The man-in-the-street in
America has an uneasy feel-
ing that Dr. Albert Einstein's
new generalised theory of
gravitation may do specta-
cular and possibly unplea-
sant things to him in future.
The New York "Herald-Tri-
bune" said today."He looks with almost super-
stitious respect upon odd little
squiggles of new equations as
they are reproduced in his new-
paper."Einstein's new theory, announ-
ced on Sunday at Princeton Uni-
versity, sets out in a series of
equations laws governing two
fundamental forces of the uni-
verse—gravitation and electro-
magnetism.The "New York Times" said
that if Einstein succeeded in pro-
ving his new theory he would
have outdone himself."As far back as 1850," the
"Times" said, "Faraday lectured
on the possible relation of gravity
to electricity, but could not estab-
lish the relation experimentally."
"Clark Maxwell unified light
and magnetism by showing that
both sides are the same."Heitz proved Maxwell's case
experimentally by discovering
radio waves, which are invisible
light waves.
"Einstein pushed unification
still further. Einstein showed that
space and matter are not insepa-
rable.""It was impossible to unify the
two by thinking of space in Eu-
clidian terms, that is, in terms of
a three-dimensional room infini-
tely extended to include the whole
universe.""So Einstein welded time and
space together into the fourth
dimension and, therefore, involv-
ed four dimensional geometry to
explain what happens in the
universe."—Reuter.BRITISH MP's
IN BELGRADE

Belgrade, December 28.

Twelve British Labour Mem-
bers of Parliament, three of them
women, arrived by air tonight on
a visit to Yugoslavia. They will
stay between two and three
weeks.They landed at Zagreb, Croatia,
where the party is due to split
up to visit the Dalmatian coast,
mines, camps for Greek children,
industries and co-operative en-
terprises.At the end of their tour they
are to see Marshal Tito, the
Yugoslav Premier.—Reuter.

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to return to
Hollywood

Lausanne, December 28.

Prince Aly Khan said to-
day that his wife, Rita Hay-
worth, will return to Holly-
wood soon to make some more
films."Her marriage does not
mean the end of her film
career," said the Prince.The Mont Chail clinic to-
night issued a statement say-
ing that Rita and the baby
are both doing very well.Rita Hayworth sent cables to
Pakistan and other centres of
the (Lahore) Mohammedan re-
ligious informing clergy and
friends that "a princess has
joined the Khan family."In Hollywood, Rita Hay-
worth's father, Eduardo Can-
sino, when told that he had
another grandchild, said with
a yawn: "That is wonderful."A dancing instructor, he ex-
plained his yawn: "I work
late nights, you know."
United Press and Reuter.U.S. ENVOY TO
PAKISTAN

Washington, December 28.

The White House announced
today that President Truman is
appointing Mr. Ayra M. Warren
as Ambassador to Pakistan. He
is now Ambassador to Finland.
Mr. Eben Ayres, the White
House Assistant Press Secretary,
said he does not know who will
succeed Mr. Warren at Helsinki.
ReuterU.N. DECLARES WAR ON
ILLICIT OPIUM TRADE

Geneva, December 28.

The United Nations headquarters pre-
dicted today that the backbone of the world's
illicit opium trade will be broken if a plan re-
cently adopted by four principle opium-pro-
ducing countries goes into effect.At a meeting in Ankara, a UN committee of ex-
perts representing these countries—India,
Iran, Turkey and Yugoslavia—took the first
and most important step towards achieving
international control of the production of raw
opium, a UN announcement said.These four countries are
responsible for over 90 per cent
of the world's legal interna-
tional trade in opium.According to the announcement,
the illicit trade in this drug is
founded on over-production in
excess of medical and scientific
needs.The average annual production
is estimated at being at least five
times the amount required for
medical, scientific, and other
legitimate purposes.The first step of the committee
was therefore to get agreement
among the opium producers to
cut output to the necessary level.
This was finally obtained.The next, and far more diffi-
cult step was to persuade the
different producers to agree on
the respective share of this
limited total production which
each country should be per-
mitted to produce. Governmentsmaking concessions feared causing
dissatisfaction among peasant-
producers or cutting down essen-
tial revenues from the sale of
opium. After three weeks of
discussion, however, agreement
was finally reached.

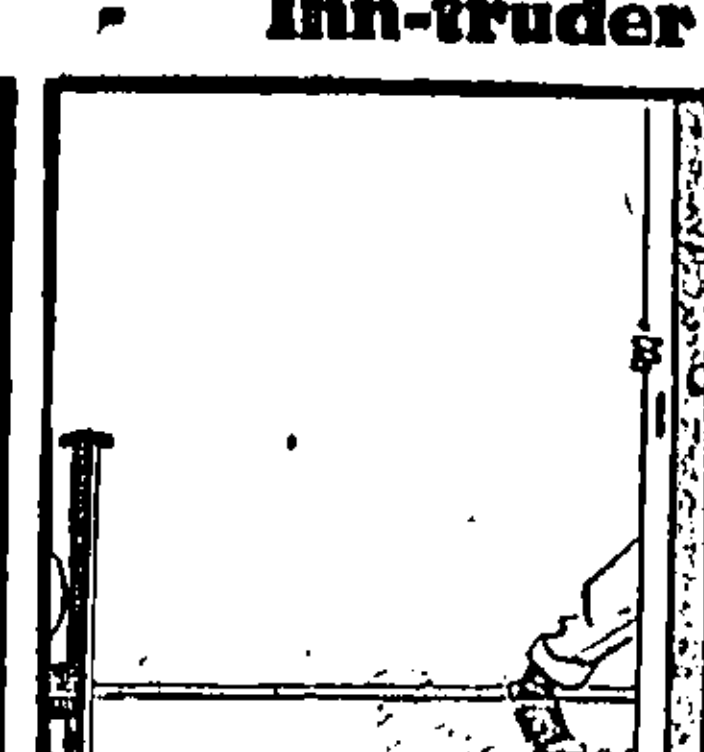
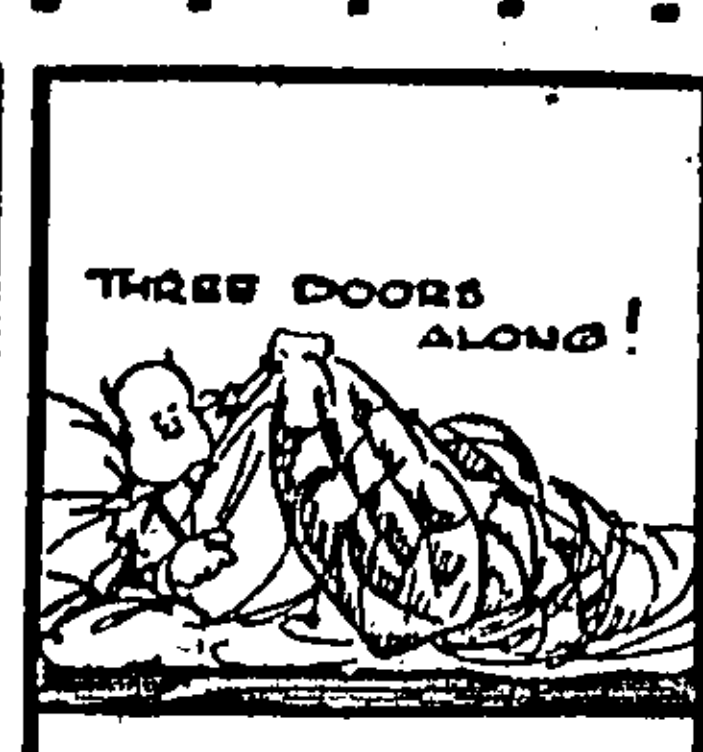
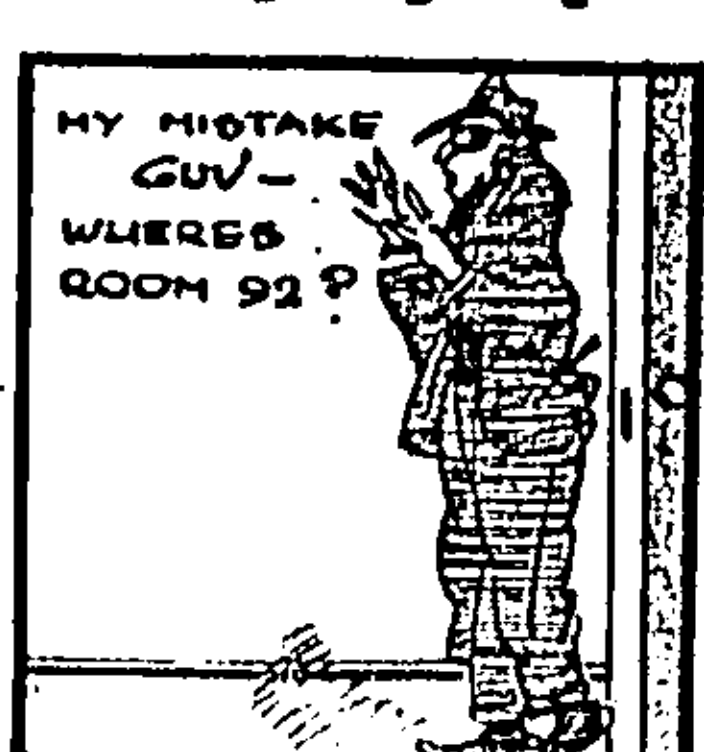
Limited quantity

The agreement would limit the
amount of opium produced in
the world to the quantity re-
quired for medical and scientific
purposes and would allot the per-
centage share of the total pro-
duction to which each producing
country would be entitled. In
addition, the committee recom-
mended that the entire legitimate
world trade in opium be brought
under the control of an interna-
tional agency, and that strict
sanctions be applied against any
country persistently exceeding
its production quota without
adequate reason.UN's Narcotic Drugs Com-
mission will call a conference
next year of all producing
and manufacturing countries to
draft an interim agreement
embodying these resolutions.
This draft will be submitted to
the UN Economic and Social
Council for revisions and ap-
proval and it is hoped that a final
draft will be ready for signature
during the 1950 UN General As-
sembly.The project proposes that on
the national level, opium pro-
duction be placed in the hands
of government opium monopolies.
On the international level, an

Buying agency

international purchasing and
selling agency would be created,
and the government monopolies
would be entitled to sell opium
only to this agency. The latter
would have the exclusive right to
sell opium to importing countries
and would be obliged to buy
opium only from the government
monopolies.The proposed convention would
climax over 100 years of ineffec-
tive effort to confine the world's
use of opium to medical and
scientific purposes. The League
of Nations drew up the Geneva
Convention of 1925 to limit con-
sumption, but it yielded few
practical results; the League
finally succeeded in formulating
a new and stronger draft conven-
tion in 1936, but the war inter-
vened before it could be imple-
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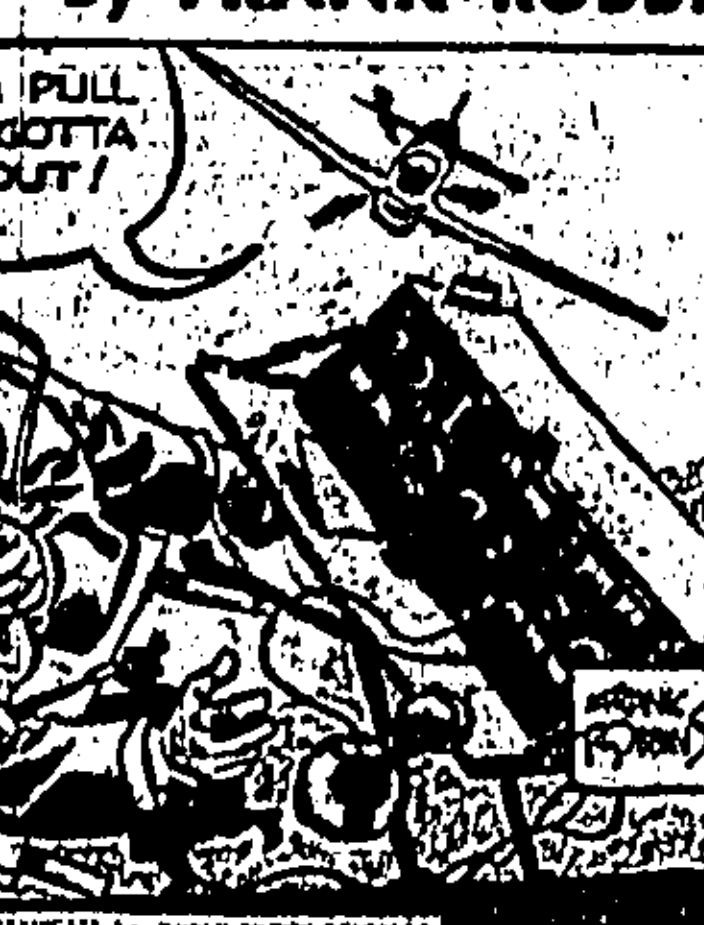
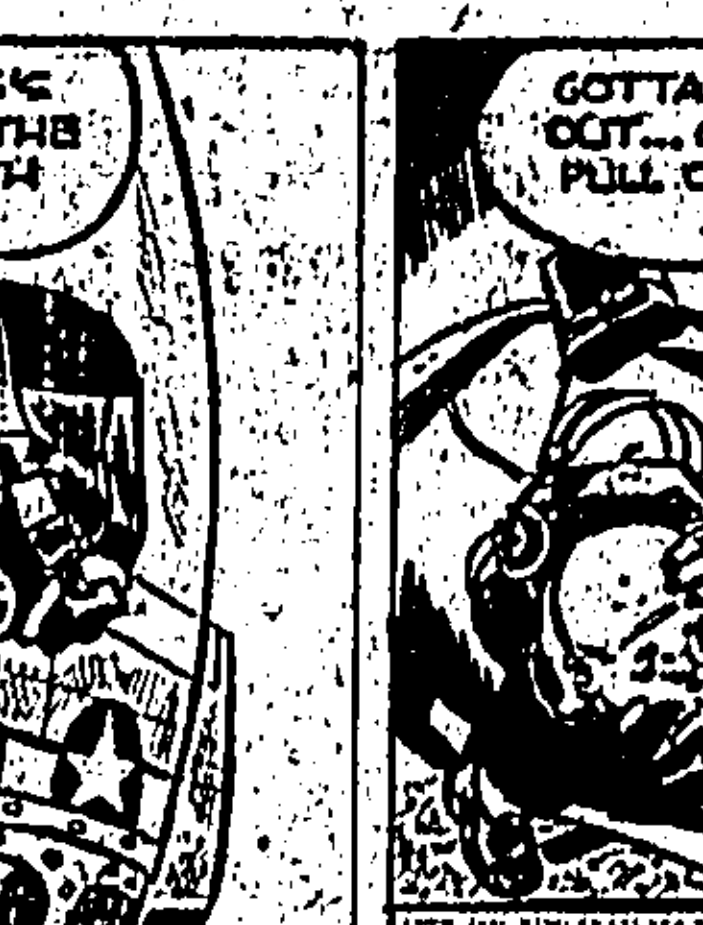
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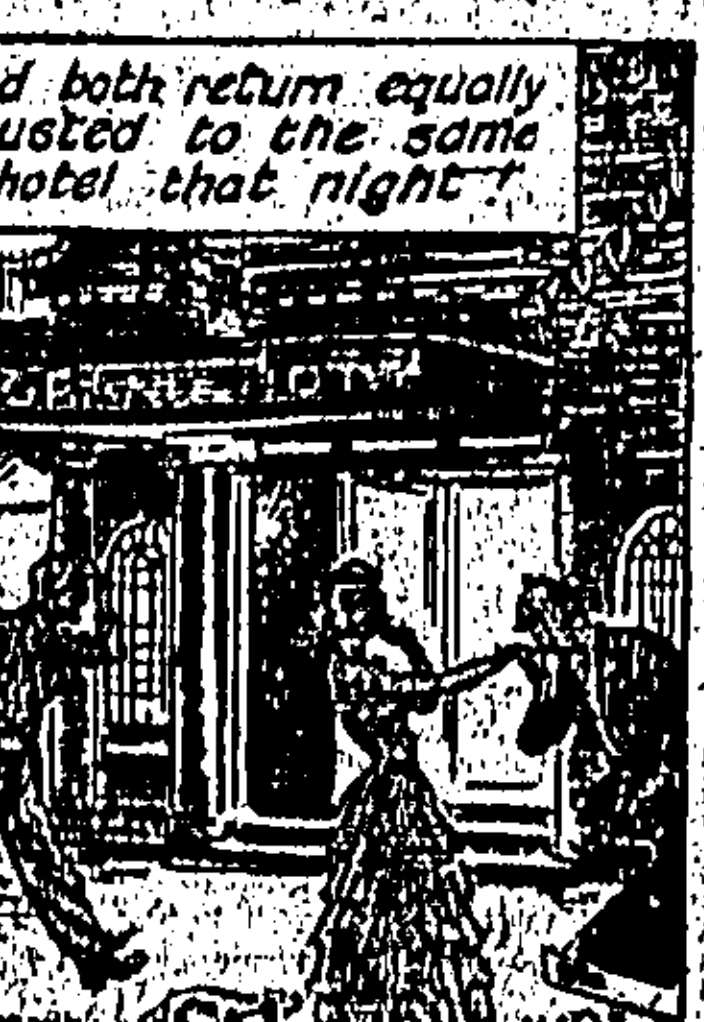


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New York Stock Exchange

New York, December 29.

A boom market in railroad

issues helped to lift the general

level of stock prices to a new

1949 high today. Some rail

issues advanced about four points.

Total volume ran to about

1,000,000 shares.

The market reached its best

level since July 14, 1948.

Benjamin Consolidated Mining

was fourth in the 16 most active

stocks; 10,000 shares were traded

at 15 1/2.

Dow Jones averages: Stock

71.56; 20 Industrials 199.99; 15

Rails 92.50; 10 Utilities 41.22.

Closing quotations:

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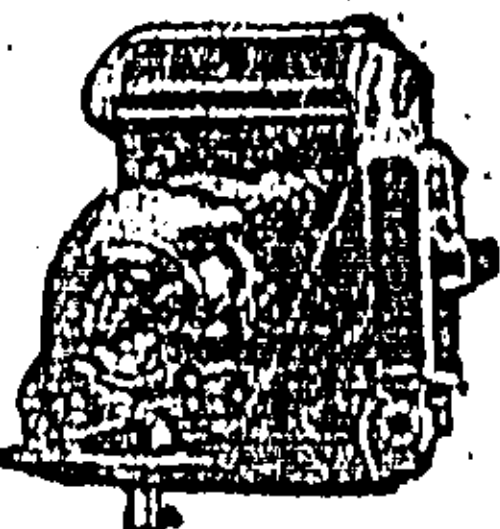
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Sports Pause



Yachting jottings

Record number of entries for Christmas Regatta

(By "MAINSHEET BLOCK")

Royal Navy teams for the week-end

The Christmas Regatta attracted an entry of 93 boats, which made 206 entries in the 22 events, a figure which is a record for recent regattas.

The outstanding events were the Macao Race for Cruisers, the Trevesa Trophy Race and the large number of Naval Whalers racing.

Cricket

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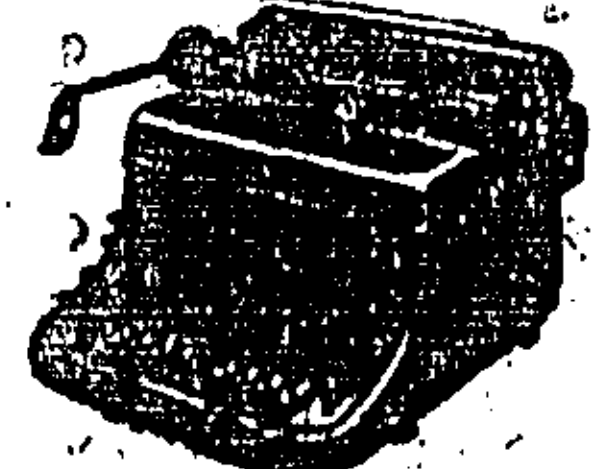
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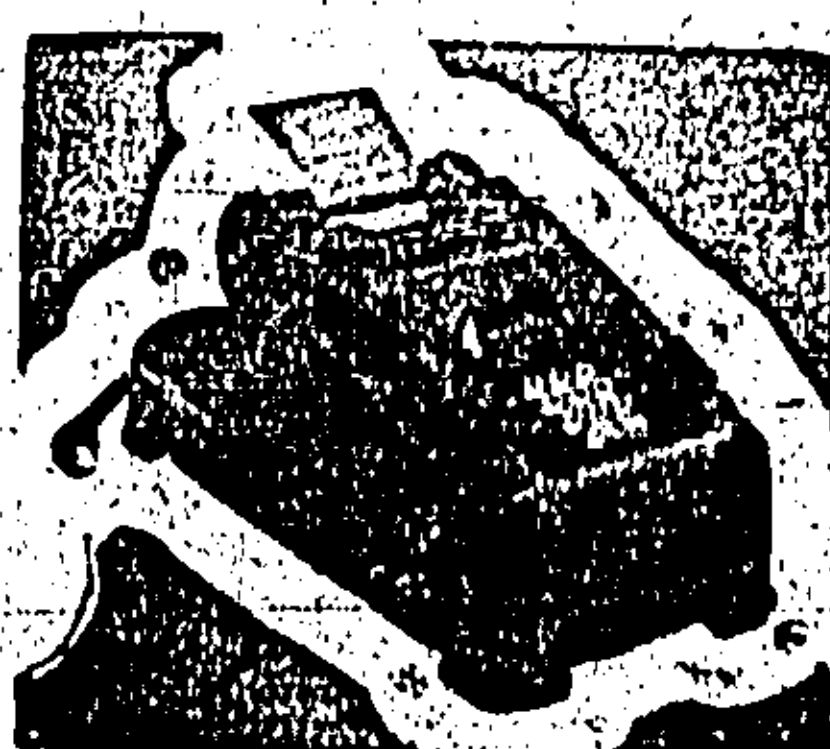
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Princess presents cup to Mountbatten



Princess Elizabeth presents the Cawnpore polo cup to Lord Mountbatten, captain of the Shrimps team which beat the Saints in the final for the Cup at Marsa, Malta. (AP Photo).

Jack Lovelock killed by underground train

New York, December 28. Dr. John (Jack) Lovelock, aged 39, the New Zealand-born Olympic runner and former mile world record holder, was killed today by an underground train here.

Lovelock ran his world record mile in 4 mins. 7.6 secs. at Princeton, New Jersey, in July, 1933, beating the then American Champion, Bill Bontrout.

NORWEGIANS UNABLE TO COME

Mr. R. M. Omar, Secretary of the Hong Kong Football Association, announced yesterday that news had been received from the Norwegian Football Association that they could not send a team to Hong Kong in time for the Chinese New Year holidays.

Asian tennis championships

Calcutta, December 28. R. Deyro, of the Philippines, was eliminated from the men's singles in the Asian Lawn Tennis Championships which were continued here today.

CLUB RUGGER TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent the Club XV in a rugger match against the Services XV on Saturday, December 31 at the Club ground at 4.15 p.m.

RAF CRICKET TEAM

The Royal Air Force cricket team to oppose the Army in a First Division League match at East Tak on Saturday, December 31 will be selected from the following:

S/Lt. Col. J. O. Campbell, W/Cdr. Panton, S/Lt. Vaughan, F/Lt. Ball, Sgt. Moorhouse, Sgt. Dunn, Sgt. Parker, Pli. Cunningham, AC. Tyner, AC. West and Cpl. Hirst.

New set of golf rules come into force on January 1

London, December 28. Almost all of the golf playing world, outside the United States gets a new set of rules on January 1.

Drafted by the Rules of Golf Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club at St. Andrews, Scotland, the new regulations don't look a whole lot different from the old ones which held good for 15 years.

Minor differences between the R. and A. rules and the code of the United States Golf Association still exist and several new ones were added.

Women's world chess tournament

London, December 28. Olga Rubtsova (USSR) and Gisella Gresser (USA) were leading with three points each out of a possible four, after the fourth round of the women's world chess championship in Moscow, according to a Tass, Soviet news agency, report received in London.

The games between Mrs. Ellen Trimmer (Britain) and Khalid Larsson (Denmark) and Maria Teresa Mora (Cuba) and Lasha Longos (Hungary) were drawn.

A stubborn and interesting fight developed towards the end of the game between Larsson and Khalid Larsson, who was forced to admit defeat.

The American, Gisella Gresser, beat Nina Grushkova-Hensku (Czechoslovakia) in the 52nd move. The game between Larsson and Khalid Larsson ended with the defeat of Larsson on the 75th move in spite of her spirited defence.

The game between Maria Teresa Mora and May Kaff lasted 73 moves and ended with Kaff's surrender after the Cuban had further improved her position by winning two pawns.

The match between Grushkova-Hensku and Elizabeth Zykova (USSR) was drawn and Ludmila Rudenko (USSR) beat Fanny Heemskerk (Holland).—Reuter.

Hastings congress

Hastings, December 28. Lending chess players from all over Europe were assembling here tonight in readiness for tomorrow's opening of the Hastings International Christmas Chess Congress. This is the 25th Congress at Hastings.

The 125 competitors include Jacques Mieses, the only survivor of the only survivor of the first International tournament here in 1895. He is 85.

Defending his title will be Nicholas Rossolimo, the French Champion. Up in the premier section is the American "wonder boy" 17-year-old Larry Evans. —Reuter.

KRAMER BEATS GONZALES

London, December 28. Jack Kramer won the rubber match in his best of three series with Richard Pancho Gonzales, 7-5, 7-5, tonight in the indoor professional lawn tennis tournament at Wembley pool.

Kramer, superior in every department of the play, broke Gonzales' service in the 12th game of each set to clinch his 40th victory against six defeats in their professional tour.

In the other match, Francisco Pancho Segura swept the three match series with Frankie Parker, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.—United Press.

RASC HOCKEY XI

The following have been selected to represent the RASC in a friendly Hockey Match against Dutch Hockey Club to be played at Sharncliffe on December 31. Bully off 3.30 p.m.

Set Kelly (27 Coy), Capt Brooks (33 Sup), S/Set Flinth (8 Coy), Lieut Day (1874 WT Pl), S/Set Forrest (983 Coy), Capt Deal (1874 WT Pl), Lt Norman (27 Coy), Dvr Boylton (27 Coy), Maj Lambell (27 Coy), Maj Jarratt (33 Sup) and Maj Hunter (HQ 47 Inf Bde).

Reserves—Capt Fenner (983 Coy—RASC) and Capt Paulger (27 Coy—RASC).

POLICE HOCKEY TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Police in their hockey Association fixture against the Hong Kong University at Boundary Street at 4 p.m. tomorrow:

F. M. Gonzales, C. Blackburn, J. O. Tebbutt, M. H. C. Birch, A. Leslie, W. P. Apps, R. Wilson, D. Brown, J. R. M. B. Wall, F. A. Sheppard-Smith, K. C. Thorne, Reserves: Nyan Singh, Barbara Singh.—Reuter.

Malayan soccer team due next month

Arrangements for the forthcoming Interport soccer match for the Ho Ho Cup between a Hong Kong Chinese XI and the Malayan Chinese were discussed at a meeting of the Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation last night.

Mr. Mok Ying-kwal, Chairman of the CNAAF, said that a telegram had been received yesterday from the Malayan Chinese Football Association on the subject.

This telegram revealed that apart from the 16 Chinese players who would be coming here, five Malayan players would also be making the trip.

The meeting decided that the Interport match be played at Caroline Hill on January 21, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

It was further decided by the meeting that in addition to the Interport game, the following games also be played:

January 22: Malayan Chinese versus The Rest of Hong Kong at Caroline Hill, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

January 25: Combined Hong Kong Chinese XI versus Sino-Malayan XI at Boundary Street, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Messrs. Ng Kau-lim and Woo Chiu-kin were delegated to make arrangements with the South China Athletic Association for the use of the Caroline Hill ground.

Mr. K. K. Ip was similarly delegated to approach the Police Sports Club regarding the use of the Boundary Street ground.

Pricing of admission to the games were fixed at \$10 (1,200 seats), \$6 and \$2.40.

A meeting decided that the 1,200 seats at \$10 each well as half the total number of \$5 seats available be allotted to the different Clubs.

The balance of the \$5 seats will, together with the \$2.40 seats, be sold to members of the public at the ground on the day a match is played.

A proposal that referees and linesmen from the Hong Kong Chinese Football Referees' Association be appointed for the games was carried unanimously by the meeting.

The following Committees were appointed:

Entertainment Committee: Messrs. A. H. Lee, Lee Wal-wei, Ng Kau-lim (Chairman), Lee Hin-leung, Lam Chung-ho and Kwok Lam-po.

Grounds Committee: Messrs. Mok Hing, Chan Wing-pak (Chairman), Soong Chi-ying, K. K. Ip, Yeung Wing and Sze Po-wo.

The Council of the CNAAF together with Mr. Tsang King-hong were appointed to act as a General Committee.

Ben Hogan to stage comeback

Fort Worth, Texas, December 28. The US golfer, Ben Hogan, who was seriously injured in a car accident in February last may make a comeback in championship golf.

Hogan left today for the West Coast to attend three tournaments in the Professional Golfers' Association, Winter tour—the Los Angeles Open, the Bing Crosby Invitational and the Phoenix (Arizona) Tournament which has been renamed the Ben Hogan Open.

Before he left Hogan said, "There is a possibility I shall play. I shall just have to wait and see how I am feeling and how my game is working."

He has been playing at Fort Worth regularly during the past fortnight and was getting back into form with such ease that even he was astounded. Although his drives are a little shorter, he is hitting the ball about as well as ever.—Associated Press.

PORTUGUESE SHIP TURNS BACK

Mr. J. A. Piac, master of the Portuguese freighter, San Rafael, returned to port yesterday, saying that a radio message from Amoy, the ship's original destination, instructed him to turn back.

"No reason was given. We came back with our cargo intact," he stated.

The San Rafael left the Colony for Amoy on Christmas Eve with 107 tons of general cargo.

A colour film entitled "Dream and a Memory" will be shown at the weekly luncheon of the Hong Kong Rotary Club on Tuesday at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel.